

NEWSLETTER

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Useful Dates

5-9 Jul	Duke of Edinburgh Gold Expedition
10 Jul	Year 11 Prom
11-14 Jul	Year 8 German/Geography Trip
11 Jul	Sleaford Joint Sixth Form Careers Fair
16-20 Jul	Year 12 Work Experience
20 Jul	Junior Prizegiving
20 Jul	LAST DAY OF TERM
3 Sep	Staff Training Day
4 Sep	FIRST DAY OF TERM - YEARS 7, 12 & 13
5 Sep	FIRST DAY OF TERM - YEARS 8, 9 10 & 11



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Welcome to this the last newsletter of the academic year. With a little flexibility in the timetable now Year 11 and 13 have completed their courses, we have enjoyed taking learning outside of the classroom. The commitment and additional goodwill of staff, that every school depends upon, has meant our students have enjoyed curriculum day trips and visits, residential visits to France, camping in Walesby Forest as well as the regional round of the Rock Challenge competition where girls in Years 7-12 scooped 9 awards. Next week Year 8 are off to Germany whilst A Level students across the Trust are off to Morocco soon too.

We have also managed to squeeze in Year 5 taster days welcoming over 250 visiting primary school students to the school over 2 days as well as the New Year 7 induction day. The Sixth Form induction sessions involved Year 11 students who sampled lessons across the Joint Sixth Form sites and of course yesterday a very warm school was full of guests in the morning and the evening as part of our Open Day. My thanks go to all parents who, as a result of these events, have been full time taxi drivers!

I look forward to welcoming invited parents of junior prize winners to the ceremony at St Denys' Church on the last day of term (please do remember that due to space being at a premium we can seat one parent per prize-winner).

I wish you and your family a relaxing summer school break and thank you for your continued support of the school this year.

Mrs J Smith
Head of School

Reminder

Term starts on 4th September 2018 for Year 7, 12 and 13 only and on 5th September 2018 for all other Year groups.

Uniform Reminders

Please do refer to the school uniform link on the school website <http://www.kshs.uk/site/page.asp?id=32> when equipping your child for September.

A reminder to all parents (especially those of students in Years 10 and 11 who can be quite persuasive over the holidays!) that false nails, eyelash extensions or tattooed eyebrows do not meet the make-up regulations in Years 10 and 11. Students are at risk of being asked to rectify these uniform infringements before being allowed to participate in school activities.

WALESBY 2018

101 Year 7 students have recently returned from Walesby Forest following an exciting and challenging two days. The girls demonstrated determination, team building and total resilience. From lake activities, a 25ft climbing wall, Cave Maze to Giant Crate stacks, the girls were a pleasure to be with. The camping was basic and really encouraged the girls to overcome their fear of bugs and a range of creepy crawlies which they coped with well. The weather was beautiful as the sun shone for the whole time. The girls enjoyed the two days with the lake activities, particularly the body boarding, being the overall favourite. I am certain that a good night's sleep was had by all on returning on Saturday evening.

Mrs J Pankhurst
Head of Year 7



Walesby

Friday noon and excitement bubbled inside
as thoughts of adventure flooded our minds.
One by one we hopped off the bus
To organise our tents without *too* much fuss!
First up: the lake, so sparkling clean...
(if you've been before you'll know *just* what I mean!)
We canoed and paddled and slid down the mud slide
Overjoyed within - but frozen on the outside!
In the canteen, the atmosphere abuzz;
Wondering what was next in store for us.
A blazing campfire and time for a song
Teachers joined in; that didn't take long!
Tucked up in sleeping bags, cosy caterpillars;

In my tent I was the number one bug killer.
As darkness crept in, we fumbled around
And jumped out of our skin at every little sound.
Saturday: archery, low ropes and teamwork activities,
With warrior WHOOPS and climbing like monkeys!
Crate games –one – two – three – four
15 crates was our impressive high score!
A long day, and all of our activities done,
We sat on the bus recalling laughter and fun.
Barely awake, a sleepy hi to mum and dad;
So glad for the awesome time we all had.
Thank you to the teachers who took us to Walesby;
and who showed real *resilience* when we were a bit silly!

Holly Couchman (7A) and Alisha Coxon (7A)

Trip to France and Belgium



On the 6th June 2018 most of Year 9 went to France and Belgium on a History and Languages trip to learn about World War One and French culture. We had the opportunity to visit the French town of Boulogne-Sur-Mer where we had a treasure hunt in French, did some shopping and ordered a crepe and a drink for lunch.

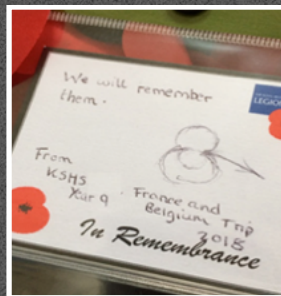
Whilst we were there we visited a museum in Passchendaele where we learnt more about the war and looked around trenches. In the gift shop they sold lots of items linking to World War One which people could buy in memory of people or of the war. We decided to buy a poppy wreath to lay at the Menin Gate.

When we arrived at the Menin Gate we watched the last post ceremony that remembers a soldier who fought in the war. We also watched some people lay wreaths on behalf of bigger organisations like the RAF. We laid our wreath after the ceremony on the steps of the Menin Gate. Our wreath read, "We will remember them. From KSHS Year 9 France and Belgium Trip 2018".

The trip was very moving and showed all of us the extent of the devastation caused by World War One, however the trip was still great fun to go on. We would like to thank Mr Dennis and Miss Beckett for organising such an amazing trip and we would like to thank every other staff member that came with us to make sure we had a good time.



By Ava Newell, Charlie Scott & Stevie Scott (9L)



Year 9 Visit to France and Belgium

On Wednesday 6th June Year 9 departed for the annual France and Belgium battlefields visit. We visited some extraordinary places, including: Tyne Cot Cemetery, Menin Gate, Lochnagar Crater, Wellington Quarry, Newfoundland Memorial Park, Sanctuary Wood Trench Museum, Vimy Ridge Memorial and the Vimy Ridge Museum. Of course not forgetting la Couple Crêperie in Boulogne-sur-Mer; where we ordered in French. We also visited Peter De Groote's chocolate shop in Ypres.

My personal favourite part of the trip was visiting Vimy Ridge, this is because not only was the monument a beautiful tribute to the Canadians who fell, but we also grasped a better understanding of what life was actually like for a soldier in WW1. However, I also enjoyed the beautiful yet emotional visit to the Menin Gate for the Last Post Ceremony, it was amazing to be able to witness such a wonderful tribute to those fallen.

Lauren Griffen (9F)



YEAR 8 YORKSHIRE SCULPTURE PARK VISIT



Year 8 students were taken to the Yorkshire Sculpture Park as part of their previous sculpture project, where they were looking at the importance and role of sculpture within Art & Design. We were very lucky with not only the glorious weather, but to have such a pleasant and enthusiastic year group, who absorbed the wonderful sculpture work on display. Every student had an A5 work book in which they were set a number of tasks, such as drawing, writing responses on how the work made them feel and encouraged to use their photography skills. The booklets have now been handed in, with winners to be declared in the final assembly. The work on display at the park ranged from Henry Moore's

large-scale abstract figurative pieces to the contemporary work of Japanese artist Chiharu Shiota, who had created a stunning large scale piece in the Chapel, which students found quite moving due to the scale and serenity inside. The trip gave an insight into how sculpture artists work and the processes which they go through. We would like to thank the Year 8 students for being such a great group of students to take on the trip and for creating such exciting work booklets.

Mr M Clifford
Teacher of Art



Reading For Pleasure Throughout The Summer Holidays

Whilst the long summer break is a well-earned opportunity for students to relax and unwind after a busy school year, reading for pleasure is an activity that can often become neglected. All students at KSHS have a username and password that allows them to download E-books from the E-Platform APP. With over one thousand titles to choose from, students can continue to read throughout the holiday. An E-book is borrowed for a two week period and then automatically returned to the virtual Library. Any students wishing to learn more about this fantastic resource, or to be re supplied with their log-in details, can call into the Library before the end of term where Mrs Gibson and Mrs Oswald will be able help.



RIVER SLEA CLEAN UP!

On the 17th June volunteers from our school and the local area once again turned up to help with the monthly River Slea Clean Up. It was nice to see some dads along again as well especially as it was Father's Day! Thank you to all of the people who spent some of their morning helping: Faith Wheatley (7W), Amelie Collier (7W), Isabel Collier (7A), Julia Orr (7L), Cecilia Ruskin (7L), Jessica Ruskin (8L), Emily Sadler (8L) and Miss Natley and friends. The next River Slea Clean Up is this Sunday 8th July starting from 10am in the car park behind the Hub. We hope to see you there!

Miss E Turner
Interact Club



Females into Industry Challenge 2018

On Monday 25th and Tuesday 26th June, I was invited to take part in the 'Females into Industry' challenge at Siemens along with Georgia Lancaster (8F) and Katherine Enstone (8F) after making successful applications to the programme. Over the two days we had to make a desk tidy using CAD (Computer Aided Design) and the machines in the workshop at Lincoln College. Firstly, we used the CAD to design our desk tidy. We drew them in 2D to start with and then used the programme to change our designs to 3D. After this we went into the workshop to cut, chamfer (slope the edge) and polish our aluminium tubes so they could be used as pencil holders. Learning how to use the machines was a challenge but after a while we got used to them (with the help of the apprentices). When we had finished the tubes we learnt how to programme the CNC (Computer Numerical Control) machine to drill the pockets into our plastic bases.

At the end of the two days we did a presentation to show the work we had done to our parents and teachers. I really enjoyed this experience and it has taught me a lot more about engineering.

Lucy Blair (8A)



Rock Challenge

It was with excitement and a few nerves that we headed to the Rock Challenge Northern Open Final on Friday 29th June 2018 in Grimsby, knowing that we would be facing the winners of the rest of the regional heats. This time there were 10 schools competing for the top two spots to progress to the next stage of the competition. Even though we didn't place in the top 5, we won 9 different Awards of Excellence in the following areas:

- Entertainment
- Stage Use
- Set Design and Function
- Performance Skill
- Visual Enhancement
- Soundtrack
- Concept
- Choreography
- Drama



We also came first in the Short Film competition out of all of the schools that entered. A big well done to the technical team for producing the 3 minute video detailing the Rock Challenge process with some behind the scenes insights.

Well done to all of the students and staff involved! Plans are already underway for next year – look out for more information from Mrs Thomas in assemblies next year!

The Rock Challenge Team

Sixth Form News

The summer term has been very busy for the Sixth Form as always.

In May we said farewell to Year 13 as they left to take their final examinations by having a barbeque, bouncy castle and playing rounders. Once their exams were over we were able to celebrate by going to the Sleaford Joint Sixth Form Prom (SJSF), held at the Assembly Rooms in Lincoln. It's always a delight to see our students dressed so glamorously and able to relax after all their hard work. We wish them all the best for Results Day, which is on Thursday 16th August, from 7.30am.



Year 12 students have been busy thinking about their next steps after Sixth Form. We had a visiting speaker from Lincoln University who gave guidance on how to write personal statements, a vital part of the university application process. In tutor time students are exploring different paths open to them and most students have attended university open days, including the SJSF trip to Nottingham, Bishop Grosseteste or Lincoln College. On 11th July we have our Careers Fair where many different universities and apprenticeship providers will be present to speak to, as well as a series of talks which include past students' experiences of apprenticeships or university.

We also welcomed Year 11 students back after their GCSEs for the SJSF Induction Days. During the 2 days they were given lots of useful information to help make the transition, had the opportunity to ask questions of current students, take part in a fun team-building activity as well as try out their chosen courses for next year. Feedback from those who attended was really positive and we hope they enjoy a restful summer before returning in the Autumn. Students will need to confirm their plans for next year on Results Day (23rd August) and speak to me if they want to change any of their courses.

Finally I'd like to say a huge thank you to current Year 12 students who have given up so much of their time to support the many other school events that go on this term with Year 5 Taster Days, Open Day and Evening and the Sixth Form Induction. They are a credit to the school and fantastic role models for younger students!

Miss S Chant
Head of Sixth Form

HOUSE NEWS

Winnibrigg are now some way ahead on 10,316 points, followed by Lovedon on 9,638 and Aveland only 5 points behind on 9,633. Flaxwell is in fourth place with 8,848 points.

Winners of the Year 7 Spelling Bee were:

- 1st FLAXWELL with 138 points
- 2nd LOVEDEN with 110 points
- 3rd WINNIBRIGG with 94 points
- 4th AVELAND with 76 points

Winners of the Year 8 Spelling Bee were:

- 1st WINNIBRIGG with 37 points



- 2nd AVELAND with 22 points
- 3rd LOVEDEN with 15 points
- 4th FLAXWELL with 10 points



The standard was very high again this year.
WELL DONE, TO ALL THE TEAMS THAT ENTERED!

Get involved Support Your House!

Mrs Fleming
Head of Houses

PTA News

Thank you to all parents, carers, staff and pupils who supported the recent Performing Arts Evening. The raffle and refreshments raised £195 for school projects. Our recent Bags2School collection and Civvies Day raised a further £558.

This year we have raised monies (£2,200) to complete the Dining Room extension and to purchase heaters, further tables and seating. Planners have been provided for all students (£1,000), we have contributed to the purchase of a trampoline and training for the PE department (£2,000), funded the Business Language Champions – World Trade Game (£300) for the MFL Department.

We cannot continue to fund these extras for the school without your support. Please consider getting involved with the PTA, we meet once a term to organise fund-raising activities. Or you could purchase a 100 Club number for £12.00, you could win £50.00!

Recent 100 Club winners were:

- April – number 42 – Mrs D Hall
- May – number 38 – Mrs D Shaw
- June – number 46 – Mrs J Croft

Events Coming Up

- Year 7/8 Movie and Pizza Night: 28th September
- Bags to school and Civvies Day: 5th October
- Harry Potter Themed Quiz Night: 2nd November

Meeting Dates are Monday nights – 7.00pm in the Staff Room

- 24th September 2018 (AGM)
- 12th November 2018
- 28th January 2019
- 4th March 2019
- 13th May 2019
- 24th June 2019

Mrs B Fleming
PTA Chair

Spotlight on Sport

Congratulations to Year 9 who have won the Kesteven and Sleaford Sports Association (KSSA) Rounders tournament. This adds to the other high achievements which Year 9 students have contributed to this year. They won the KSSA Volleyball tournament and went on to become County champions. They won the KSSA Netball tournament where they progressed to the County Netball tournament and came 3rd overall. Another win was gained at the KSSA Futsal tournament. Individual students have also had fantastic success, such as Freya Woodiwiss (9W) who won the Sleaford Schools Golf Competition.

Well done to all students who were involved.

Sleaford Schools Golf Competition

On Monday 2nd July, I won the Sleaford Schools Golf Competition. I played 18 holes against Holly Williamson (9W). Phoebe Spicer (9W) played in the 10 hole short competition and did really well.

After we had played, there was a prizegiving where prizes were awarded for the girls' best score, boys' best score, 10 hole competition best score and best score from an 18 hole putting competition. I won the Moira Rickaby trophy once again and Holly and I were awarded the Bailey Trophy given to the winning school.

Freya Woodiwiss (9W)

Results			
Age Group	Opposition	Date	Result
Rounders			
Year 10	St George's Academy Ruskington	Wednesday 27 th June @ KSHS	Won
Year 9	St George's Academy Ruskington	Wednesday 20 th June @ KSHS	Won
Year 9	KSSA schools	Thursday 21 st June @ St Georges Academy	Won – KSSA Rounder champions
Year 8	St George's Academy Ruskington	Wednesday 20 th June @ KSHS	Won
Year 7	St George's Academy Ruskington	Wednesday 27 th June @ KSHS	Won

Upcoming fixtures		
Age Group	Opposition	Date
Rounders		
Year 7	KSSA schools	Thursday 12 th July @ St George's Academy



Sports Leadership

Kesteven Schools Mini Olympics

This was the 10th event we have been involved in as a school. There were around 600 primary school children from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. The leaders were supporting activities run by outside agencies, leading their own activities or supporting the primary schools with team management. We had representatives from Years 8, 11 and 12 helping to set up the event and assist with its smooth running. It was lovely to see our students gaining so much from the experience and also the enjoyment of the primary school students who loved taking part.

Thank you to all those who represented the school this time, it was much appreciated by all!

Student Sports Success

Millie Armond – County Hockey

My name is Millie Armond and I play in goal for Lincolnshire Hockey Team. Recently I was awarded u14 Lincolnshire player of the season. I was also selected for the Midlands trials recently and will find out whether I can get into the performance centre which would put me on the England player pathway.



Year 9 Rounders team – KSSA Rounders champions



Sleaford Schools Golf Champion Moira Rickaby trophy winner



Bailey Trophy Winners



KSHS Golf team





GROWTH MINDSET NOMINATIONS

18th to 29th June 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.

Subject area	Student being nominated	Tutor Group	Staff nominating
Biology	Amelia Fish	10KG	Mrs K Fairhead
Biology	Taryn Sealey	10MC	Mrs K Fairhead
Biology	Georgia Stevens	10MC	Mrs K Fairhead
Biology	Edie Wicks	10MC	Mrs K Fairhead
Computing	Meera Hall	8F	Mr S Mulligan
Computing	Bea Harris	8F	Mr S Mulligan
Computing	Annie Jenkins	8F	Mr S Mulligan
Curriculum Day	Emelia Fuller	7F	Miss E Shales
Curriculum Day	Olivia Layton	7F	Miss E Shales
Curriculum Day	Lucy Kimbrough	7L	Miss E Shales
Curriculum Day	Cecilia Ruskin	7L	Miss E Shales
Curriculum Day	Phoebe Shaw	7W	Miss E Shales
Curriculum Day	Amelie Sainsbury	7W	Miss E Shales
Curriculum Day	Tillie Tupholme	7W	Miss E Shales
Curriculum Day	Bella Sanger-Davies	7W	Miss E Shales
Curriculum Day	Chloe Douglas	7A	Miss E Shales
Curriculum Day	Abigail Crawford	7A	Miss E Shales
Curriculum Day	Niamh Cairns	7A	Miss E Shales
Curriculum Day	Emily Collins	7A	Miss E Shales
English	Niamh Gurney	10JC	Mr J Cassidy
Form	Emma Johnson	7F	Miss E Shales
Form	Olivia Layton	7F	Miss E Shales
Form	Maddy Freeman	7F	Miss E Shales
French	Raluca Zoltan	8W	Mrs C Curran
French	Kennedy Shelley	8W	Mrs C Curran
French	Willow Villca-Mamani	8W	Mrs C Curran
French	Amelia Palmer	8L	Mrs C Curran
French	Emma Perring	8L	Mrs C Curran
German	Emily Bell	9A	Mr L Rooke
Maths	Ella McCarthy	10MLM	Miss E Turner
Maths	Kate Harmer	10JC	Miss E Turner
Music	Amelie Sainsbury	7W	Mr S Mitchinson
Music	Zofia Aitken	7A	Mr S Mitchinson
Music	Madeleine Cox	7A	Mr S Mitchinson
Music	Lily Gregory	9F	Mr S Mitchinson
PSHE	Evie Rogerson	9L	Mr L Rooke
PSHE	Jessica Reed	9L	Mr L Rooke
PSHE	Molly Mountain	9L	Mr L Rooke
PSHE	Charlie Scott	9L	Mr L Rooke
Science	Charlie Blair	7A	Mrs K Fairhead
Walesby Trip	Amelie Collier	7W	Mrs M Watts