



NEWSLETTER

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14 September 2018

Useful Dates

18 Sep	Year 8 HPV Vaccinations
18 Sep	Year 11 Berlin Trip
	Information Evening 6.00pm
19 Sep	Year 9 PSHE Day
19-20 Sep	Year 11 Geography Trip
24 Sep	PTA Meeting AGM 7.00pm
26 Sep	'An Inspector Calls' Trip - Cambridge
26 Sep	Duke of Edinburgh Award Registration Evening
27 Sep	Youth Council at NKDC
28 Sep	Year 7 Resilience Day
28 Sep	PTA Year 7 & Year 8 Movie Night
28 Sep-1 Oct	Year 11 Berlin Trip

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Welcome to the first edition of the KSHS newsletter for the new academic year and an especially warm welcome to parents of new students to the school. I hope your daughter's first couple of weeks have gone as smoothly as possible. We look forward to working with you.

I hope you saw the celebration of our students' well-earned and hugely pleasing GCSE, A Level and BTEC results via the two newsletters we shared last month. They can also be viewed via Weduc our new parent-home communication service (see below for more detail). My congratulations go to each and every student who worked so hard to conquer new tougher syllabuses, a raft of examinations and who over the next weeks are embarking on the next stage of their studies or training: many of them in the sixth form classes across the Sleaford Joint Sixth Form.

Year 7 students have made an impressive start to their school careers at KSHS too. I wonder if you can pick out a recognisable face or two in the photo taken at their first year group assembly.

Mrs J Smith
Head of School



Members of Year 7 and Mrs J Smith, Head of School, on the first day of term'



'Year 7 – Their First Year Group Assembly'



New

Home-School Digital Communication and Alerts App

If you are reading this newsletter you have probably already accessed our new home-school communication App. 'Weduc' (short for 'We Educate') is a replacement communication and alerts service for parents and staff. We previously communicated with you via 'Schoolcomms', which sent messages to your email inbox if you subscribed but was becoming limited in the service it offered to parents.

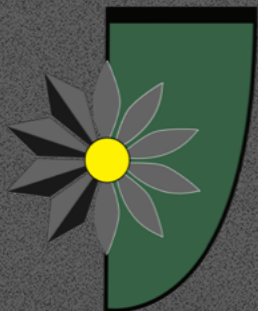
The new Weduc App promises to help us communicate more easily with you, especially via smartphone and with immediate effect it will be the way we share the twice monthly KSHS newsletter with you, send you your child's academic and progress

reports, alert you to school closures and send out all letters, educational visit invitations and parents evening information electronically. Weduc can be accessed best via the App but also online from any computer. It also allows you to see specific information about your child(ren) such as their timetable and the school calendar which contains all dates for internal assessment weeks, parents evening and annual student report release dates. We also hope that it will make the business of sending reply slips back into school much easier and quicker for parents, as well as linking other electronic services such as Parent Pay into one digital area.

You can, of course, still request hard copies instead of subscribing and use the school website to check the calendar or for school closures but you will need to trust your child to pass on paper copies of information that can sometimes get delayed or buried at the bottom of bags!

We promise not to bombard you with unnecessary information but do encourage you to follow the instructions in the sign up letter sent to all parents earlier this week. If you require any further assistance please do talk to any of our main office staff who will be pleased to help you get started. The App can be downloaded onto phones but full website access is available too. Please do let the office have any feedback as the service is new to us this year. We will do our best to answer any questions you have.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF



Miss N Byrne
Teacher of Maths



Miss J Nutt
Teacher of Ethics & Philosophy



Miss H Nicholls
Subject Leader Psychology

Other new staff:

Mr C Baker – Teacher of Computing (RCT)

Miss S Collishaw – Trainee Teacher in PE

Miss E Garaguso – Trainee Teacher in Maths

Miss A Powell – Trainee Teacher in Science

Mr L Bond – ICT Apprentice/Technician

Please find details of the vacancy for a Teacher of French (0.5 FTE) from January later in the Newsletter and at <http://www.ksks.uk/site/section/vacancies/default.asp>



Miss G Walters
Teacher of English



Mr S Norris
Teacher of Physics & STEM Leader (RCT)

Junior Prizegiving

On the last day of term we held our Junior Prizegiving in St Denys' Church, Sleaford.

It was a lovely event celebrating the achievements of Years 7-10. The Heads of Year gave an outline of the events that their year group had participated in and detailed some of the many successes of their students.

Congratulations to everyone who received an award!



Some of the recipients of the Headteacher's Award

Pictured above are some of the recipients of the Headteacher's Award – these were awarded for nominations in four or more subjects – a huge well done to them.

Mrs C Tipper
Assistant Headteacher Pastoral

EXPEDITION TO MOROCCO

At the very beginning of the summer holidays, sixteen of us were lucky enough to be given the opportunity to explore and experience the beautiful and scenic country that is Morocco. Starting out in central Marrakech, we fully immersed ourselves in the culture of the country, experiencing not only the food, but also the colours of the many market stalls, as well as the warm and welcoming people that helped to provide this amazing experience throughout all three phases of the trip. The camel phase was definitely one of the best parts (despite Helen the camel being a nuisance) with incredible views making it an unforgettable adventure. The whole experience was certainly eye opening and those who helped us in-country, and the girls I shared this experience with, will definitely remain in my memory for a very long time to come.

Olivia Brindley 13F



This summer we had the pleasure of accompanying students on the Morocco expedition. Right from the outset – the girls excelled themselves. They faced numerous challenges along the way, and we think the whole team would agree the expedition was no walk in the park! From daunting tasks like climbing a mountain and refurbishing a school toilet block, to conquering fears of creepy crawlies and trying to figure out exactly what meat we were being served for our evening meal, the girls maintained a cheery demeanour throughout. We were so impressed with the fact that, even in challenging situations, every member of the group managed to maintain a positive attitude and a wonderful sense of humour. We would like to personally thank each member of the KSHS team for making the expedition such a wonderful experience, they should all be incredibly proud of themselves and their achievements.

Miss R Grindey and Mrs K Cowell

YEAR 8 TRIP TO GERMANY

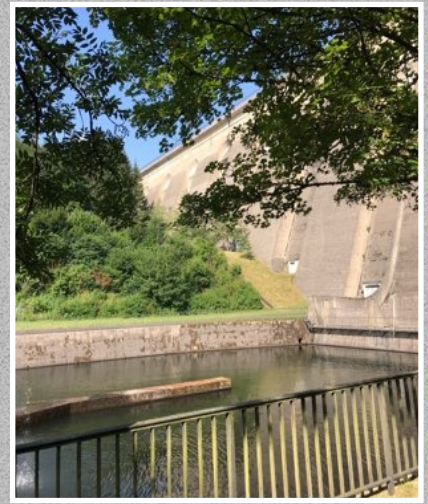
75 Year 8 students visited Hellenthal in Western Germany from Wednesday 11th July until Saturday 14th July as the German and Geography departments embarked on their new venture abroad.

Departing at 6am, the students and staff travelled to Hellenthal on two coaches, watching a variety of films to keep entertained (as well as the semi-final of the World Cup, but we won't talk about that), and arrived in Hellenthal to a warm welcome and an excellent Chili con Carne. Thursday was spent with the Betreuer (supervisors) who gave the students a taste of different, challenging activities throughout the day; archery, high ropes and a slack-line were all used to build individual and group resilience and to get students to listen to real German being used for a purpose. After a typical German evening meal (Abendbrot), the students were given 3 different challenges to complete; a team-building memory game, a game defying gravity, and a survival game – it was a bit like the Crystal Maze at times! On Friday, the students spent the morning looking at the features of the Olefalsperre (Olef Valley Dam) and were the first English people to be given a tour inside the dam structure. The students also completed a town survey of Hellenthal. They put their German into practice again by ordering an ice cream in the town, which was most welcome in the beautiful weather we experienced! After lunch, the students and staff spent some time at the Greifvogelstation-Wildfreigehege (Bird of Prey Sanctuary and Wildlife Park), watching a demonstration of different birds of prey in flight and looking at some of the animals native to the Eifel region of Germany. The day was finished off by a visit to the restaurant at the park entrance where we sampled some typical German dishes (Currywurst and Schnitzel for example). On Saturday, we travelled home, and were welcomed back by a closure of the M25 and a diversion via the Woolwich ferry!

The students engaged with all of the activities on offer and were a credit to themselves and their families.

We look forward to our next visit to Hellenthal with this year's Year 8 students so watch out for the initial letter over the coming weeks.

Mr L Rooke & Mrs D Collett (Trip Leaders)



DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD CANADIAN EXCHANGE

Last year saw the first Canadian exchange student attend a Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award expedition with the Robert Carre Trust (RCT) in Sleaford, sponsored by a past pupil (Colin Batt's Family Fund). In July the second exchange student arrived to experience the Yorkshire Dales for herself.

Yelyzaveta (Elizabeth) Bielaia, 17, arrived after two flights, a bus journey and a train journey on her first ever experience of travelling alone. Born in Ukraine and having also lived in Israel before settling in Canada with her family, her love of travelling and a long-time wish to see the UK prompted her to apply for the exchange programme, and a significant involvement in her local community meant her application stood out to organisers.

This year, for the first time, a student of ours had the opportunity to do the return part of the exchange. Megan Dame (Year 13 last year) spent 9 days in August in the Saskatchewan Province of Canada for her Gold Residential. Part of this time was spent at the University of Regina, attending the Duke of Edinburgh Conference with international DofE participants.

The application process for this exchange was arduous and Megan had to write a number of short essays on her own DofE journey, explaining her suitability; she also had to collect references, and their content is testament to her character. It is wonderful to see the development that the DofE Award Scheme has given her, from a shy fourteen-year-old to a bright, confident, happy young woman with a lot of ambition.

Megan and Elizabeth spent some time in the UK together (pictured), getting to know one another and preparing Elizabeth for the arduous Expedition to follow in the unusual heat and in Pen-y-Ghent terrain.



Congratulations to them both!

Mrs M Walker
Duke of Edinburgh Coordinator

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD USEFUL DATES

Wednesday 26 September 2018 – 6pm (Main Hall at KSHS)
Registration Evening – Bronze Award for Year 9 and Year 10

Wednesday 26 September 2018 – 8pm (Main Hall at KSHS)
Registration Evening – Silver and Gold Award for Years 11 to 13

Saturday 13 October 2018
Training Day 1 for all Year 10 Bronze and Direct Entry Silver/Gold students at KSHS

Thursday 8 November 2018 – 7pm (Main Hall at KSHS)
Celebration Evening for all those who have completed any level of the award from the 31 October 2017 to 31 October 2018. An RSVP will be required.

Saturday 19 January 2019
Training Day 2 for all Year 10 Bronze and Direct Entry Silver/Gold students at KSHS.

I look forward to receiving kit back from the last expedition season as well as Aim Presentations from all assessed expeditions.
I will be in school to support students in completing awards during DofE Club at KSHS on Wednesday break and lunchtimes; as well as Year 12 and Year 13 students on Wednesday afternoons during enrichment time.

Mrs M Walker
Duke of Edinburgh Co-ordinator



Mental Health & Wellbeing

Last year you may remember that Mrs Smith shared with you a book that she had read called 'Untangled: Guiding Teenage Girls Through the Seven Transitions Into Adulthood' by Lisa Damour.

Some parents have now read this book following her recommendation and have found it to be an interesting, thought provoking and sometimes enlightening read.

Recently several members of staff have been reading articles on the following website:

<https://www.empoweringparents.com>

This website has many interesting articles designed to help parents through the minefield of raising children in today's society. One article which they found particularly thought provoking was an article by James Lehman, MSW called 'Your Child Is not Your "Friend"':

<https://www.empoweringparents.com/article/your-child-is-not-your-friend/>

I hope you find this article helpful.

Mrs C Tipper

Assistant Headteacher Pastoral

Uniform

Thank you to all parents for your continuing support in sending your child to school in the correct uniform. At the start of term we have had to speak to some students about replacing a too short school skirt. Can we take this opportunity to remind parents that students in Years 7-10 are not expected to wear make up to school and in Year 11 subtle make up only is allowed. No students should arrive at school in fake eyelashes, wearing heavy make-up, nail polish or gel nails. Students will be expected to remove the above and if this cannot be done in school will lose break and lunchtime privileges until the non-uniform items are removed.

Parents are encouraged to contact the school if they wish to seek financial support to assist with any uniform items and a reminder that all parents of students qualifying for the Pupil Premium are able to submit receipts up to the value of £100 per academic year to support uniform or public transport costs. Please contact the school finance office if you would like to discuss this further. Thank you again for your support.

Mobile Phone Policy

Last year existing parents may remember that we tightened our mobile phone policy for students. Whilst we recognise that phones play an important role in all our lives now we restrict students' use of them during the school day in order to limit their abuse, encourage productive face to face communication and help students discover there is a world to experience directly and not just online! All students have been briefed on where in school mobile phones can be used and when. Phones will be confiscated if these privileges are abused. The first time this happens the phone will be returned at the end of the school day. Subsequent confiscations will mean parents will be invited to collect their child's mobile phone from the Head of School's P.A. The mobile phone policy can be read in full at <https://web.kshs.uk/data/website/Information/Policies/KSHS%20Mobile%20Phone%20&%20Device%20Policy%20October%202017.pdf>

Show Choir

On Monday lunchtimes a group of us from different year groups get together to sing in preparation for performing at concerts and charity events. This is the school's Show Choir and we have lots of fun! In June we sang at the school's Performing Arts Evening. We sang 'Castle on a Cloud' (Les Misérables) and 'School Song' (Matilda). There's so much singing, music and drama talent at school and it was nice to perform to our families, friends and teachers.

Towards the end of last term some of us from school took music exams. Well done to everyone! I was so pleased to receive a distinction in my Grade 4 singing exam. I will look forward to more singing at school and if anyone would like to join us at Show Choir, do come along!

Holly Marshall (8L)



Peripatetic Music Teaching Vacancy

We have a vacancy/vacancies for a self-employed peripatetic teacher of piano and violin with immediate effect due to the retirement of our previous teacher. If you are interested in working with bright, keen students who want to learn or improve their performance skills please do send us your C.V. or make contact with Helen.Gill@kshs.uk to discuss the post. Suitable candidates will need to demonstrate previous experience of supporting young people, an ability to enthuse their pupils and a commitment to providing regular lessons as well as supporting school music performance events. Hours vary depending on parental take up of lessons but we are currently looking for 4 hours keyboard/piano per week and 30 minutes Violin per week, scheduled flexibly during the school day.



KESTEVEN & SLEAFORD HIGH SCHOOL
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11-18 Selective Girls' Academy with a Co-educational Sixth Form NOR 733

TEACHER OF FRENCH **(0.5 FTE)** January 2018

One of the highest achieving schools in Lincolnshire at both GCSE and A Level, we are a friendly and high achieving girls' grammar school and part of the mixed Sleaford Joint Sixth Form.

The successful candidate will:

- deliver and foster outstanding teaching and learning
- be able to inspire, support and challenge pupils up to A Level standard
- perhaps offer a further language

We offer:

- A warm, welcoming, collegiate atmosphere
- Highly motivated, intelligent students who are a pleasure to teach
- A genuinely committed, supportive and successful team of MFL teachers
- The benefits and opportunities of being part of the Robert Carre Trust
- Use of a free gym

Please contact the school if you would like to discuss this post further or visit the school in advance of an application.

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: 1 October 2018 (Noon)

As part of the Robert Carre Trust we are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff to share this commitment and to undergo enhanced DBS checks.

KESTEVEN AND SLEAFORD HIGH SCHOOL

DATES FOR 2018-2019

Term 1	Tuesday 4 September 2018* to Thursday 18 October 2018
Term 2	Monday 29 October 2018 to Thursday 20 December 2018
Term 3	Monday 7 January 2019 to Friday 15 February 2019
Term 4	Monday 25 February 2019 to Friday 5 April 2019
Term 5	Tuesday 23 April 2019 to Friday 24 May 2019
Term 6	Monday 3 June 2019 to Friday 19 July 2019

* Students in Years 7, 12 & 13 will return on Tuesday, 4 September and Students in Years 8, 9, 10 & 11 will return on Wednesday, 5 September

BANK HOLIDAYS

Tuesday 25 December 2018
Wednesday 26 December 2018
Tuesday 1 January 2019
Friday 19 April 2019
Monday 22 April 2019
Monday 6 May 2019
Monday 27 May 2019

SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING DAYS

Monday 3 September 2018
Friday, 19 October 2018
Friday, 23 November 2018

These dates have been agreed by all three Sleaford secondary schools



House News

At the end of last term it was very difficult to predict who would be the winners of the House Cup 2018 as all of the House point totals were extremely close. Once we had added the final flurry of individual merits and the weekly quiz team points, the winner of the House Cup 2018 and the winners of the House Quiz Shield were Aveland with 31,263 points. Well done Aveland! Flaxwell was 2nd with 29,745, Winnibrigg 3rd with 28,790 and Lovedon 4th with 25,346.

2nd in the House Quiz competition was Flaxwell, 3rd Winnibrigg and 4th Lovedon.

The Sports day Cup was won by Flaxwell, with Winnibrigg 2nd, Lovedon 3rd and Aveland in 4th place.

The House Haka was won by Lovedon, 2nd Flaxwell, 3rd Aveland and 4th Winnibrigg.

Students should look out for new competitions and House events on the House noticeboards.

Collect merits, take part in the Quiz, participate in House events and competitions – help your house win the cup next year!

Mrs B Fleming
Head of Houses

PTA News

Welcome to another academic year at KSHS.

The PTA AGM is being held on Monday 24th September at 7pm in the school staff room. Any parents/guardians or staff who are interested may attend the meeting. We are always looking for more help and support. If you are unable to attend, the meeting minutes are always posted on the school website. Last year's AGM reports and minutes are also available to view.

Perhaps you would also consider supporting the PTA through the 100 Club or a regular donation for which we can claim Gift Aid, forms have been sent out by e-mail and are also available on the school website.

PTA Events

- PTA AGM Monday 24th September
- Year 7 and 8 Movie and Pizza Night – 'The Greatest Showman' – Friday 28th September
- Bags2School unwanted clothing collection and civvies day 5th October
- Harry Potter Quiz Night – Friday 2nd November

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs B Fleming

NEXT BAG2SCHOOL COLLECTION FOR PTA FUNDRAISING

Non-uniform Day 5th October 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**



**YEAR 7 AND 8
MOVIE AND PIZZA
NIGHT 28TH
SEPTEMBER 2018
TICKETS £4
BOOKABLE FROM
SEPTEMBER 7TH**

DATES FOR SCHOOL REPORTS AND INTERNAL ASSESSMENT

	School Reports Issued Week commencing:	Formal Assessment Week(s) commencing:
Year 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none">18 March 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none">3 June 2019
Year 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none">13 May 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none">3 June 2019
Year 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none">17 December 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none">25 March 2019
Year 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none">1 July 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none">1 April 201922 April 2019
Year 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none">11 February 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none">26 November 2018 (Mock Exams)3 December 2018 (Mock Exams)18 March 2019 (tbc)
Year 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none">12 July 2019 (actual date)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">12 November 201819 November 201829 April 2019
Year 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none">18 January 2019 (actual date)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">12 November 201825 February 2019 (Mock Exams)

