

30 Nov 2018	
3-6 Dec	Year 11 Mock Examinations
7 Dec	Year 11 PSHE Day
11 Dec	Nepal Meeting - Group A and B
12 Dec	Senior Citizens' Christmas Party
13 Dec	Year 8 Parents' Evening
14 Dec	Year 13 Risky Behaviour Talk
14 Dec	School Christmas Lunch

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Official Opening of new £92,000 KSHS Food and Nutrition Teaching Area

You may remember our announcement of the success of our bid to the Savoy Education Trust for funding to refurbish our rather tired Food Technology teaching space last term. The work is now all complete and the bid for £60,000 was supplemented by a generous bequest from a local resident Mr John Andrews,

who left money to several local organisations. Students have been using the new space since late September. Last week saw the official opening of the facility with GCSE Food and Nutrition students on hand to cut the ribbon alongside Governors, staff and the local press. Mrs Pankhurst (Subject Leader for Design and Technology) and Mr Allen (Operations Manager for the Robert Carre Trust) were instrumental in the success of the bid and were on hand to celebrate with students.

GCSE Food and Nutrition students with Mrs Pankhurst, Subject Leader Design & Technology

ROCK CHALLENGE

This Year's Theme

KSHS is busy rehearsing for this year's competition. Rock Challenge is an exciting event which helps young people gain enjoyment through dance and creative activities, showing them they can receive a natural high without the need of cigarettes, alcohol or any other drug. Every year participating schools (nationwide) rehearse, prepare and take part in a local competition, in which only the best will go through to the following rounds. Last year KSHS reached the nationals, so this time we continue to have high hopes for the entire team.

The theme we have chosen to inspire the dance routine is that of the negativity and downside to fame, and how corrupted the celebrity business can be, especially for women. A story has been constructed in order to portray how this toxic environment can change people, as it follows the main dancer, a talented girl who discovers fame and fortune, unknowing of what awaits her. This relevant and moving topic is sure to set our Rock Challenge team apart from all the others, and we wish them luck as they rehearse over the coming months.

Ruby Williams (12A) and Zoe Lancaster (12A)



Kids' Lit Quiz 2018

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On Tuesday 13th November 2018, KSHS and Carre's teamed up to take three teams to the 'Kids Lit Quiz' in Cambridge. This is a fantastic international quiz competition all about books and literature. The creator and quizmaster, Wayne Mills, goes all around the world to find the winning team. The books genres and texts vary, from classic fairy tales to 'The Hunger Games'. Each year there is also a team of published authors who participate in the quiz alongside the students and have their books for sale; this year we were lucky enough to meet Chris Priestley, Julian Sedgwick, Katie Dale, Inbali Inserles, Helen Moss and Andy Briggs.

KSHS took two teams - Emily, Holly, Maddy, Madeline, Isabel, Hannah, Ellie and Amelie. We travelled together on the school minibus and had a great time representing the Robert Carre Trust.

There were ten rounds, each with very varied subjects such as: 'containers', 'dreams', 'hats', and even 'sheep'! We got the highest score out of all the schools in the round 'doors' (10 out of 10) which meant we got to choose a free book to take home as a prize. Between every round of ten questions, Wayne Mills asked the audience of teachers and librarians a question and they got to win a £5 book voucher if they could get these questions right. Ms Nadey is somewhat relieved to say she won a voucher when she knew what a 'spoonerism' was!

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It was a fantastic day and experience; good luck to next year's team!

Why not try a couple of example questions to see how you would do at the KIQ?

- What name was given to the small cylindrical creatures with either one or two eyes?
- In Bill Martin's picture book 'Brown Bear, Brown Bear What Do You See?' what coloured bird was the first animal seen by Brown Bear?

by Holly (8L)

Answers: minions, red

'FRANKENSTEIN 200'

tricity to stimulate a human body, and also the idea of resuscitation, as Mary Shelley's mother, Mary Wollstonecraft, once had to be resuscitated. The final talk 'Monstrous Legacies: Literary Adaptations of Frankenstein for Young Readers' was on the presentation of the creature in young adult and children's literature. Lauren Christie based the talk on how children are born without fears and how we develop them in later life which is why the creature isn't presented as scary in children's books.

On the 31st of October the KSHS Year 12 A Level English Literature group went on a trip to the Lincoln Drill Hall for a series of academic talks all about Mary Shelley's iconic novel 'Frankenstein'. The day, 'Frankenstein 200', was hosted by the University of Lincoln to celebrate the bi-centenary of Mary Shelley's famous novel, which we study in our English Literature course. It consisted of four expert talks and a performance by 'Chameleon 53', a theatre company made up of graduates from the University of Lincoln.

The first talk 'Frankenstein's Hideous Progeny: Science Fiction, Horror and Political Discourse' was by Professor Mark Jancovich and he spoke about 'Frankenstein' in film. He mentioned some movies we have all heard of, but never thought about, in a way that may involve the characters and themes in Shelley's text. One of these movies was Terminator; he explained that in a way, the Terminator was just like Shelley's creature and only had one sole purpose. He also explored how all movies that attempt to adapt 'Frankenstein' never truly reflect the horror of the book.

The next talk 'Hideous Progenies: Reimagining Frankenstein's monster' was by PHD English Literature student Eleanor Bryan, who studied 'Frankenstein' in depth. This was referred to the context of the book and referenced Shelley's life, her traumatizing experiences and how she incorporated them in her novel. These included things such as galvanism, which is the use of elec-

The final element of the day was the performance by Chameleon 53. This was a very abstract performance that interpreted the novel in a creative way. Some of us found it really enhanced our understanding of some of the themes and characters in Shelley's text, whilst a few perhaps found it a bit too 'abstract'! Overall, 'Frankenstein 200' was incredibly informative and interesting; it helped us realise we knew much more about Frankenstein then we thought and also helped us broaden our knowledge contextually.

By Lucie Swan-Dennis (12F)

'POST PALS'

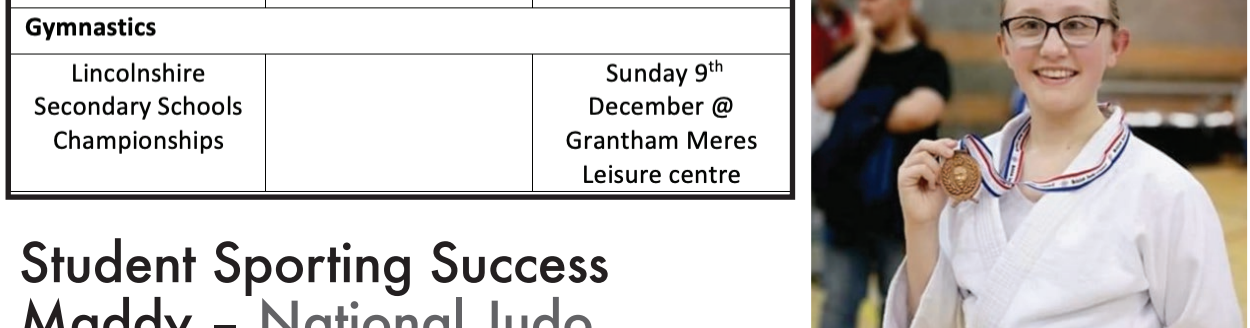
card for an ill child in hospital over Christmas, called Lottie. I found it very rewarding and I was able to personalise the card because the website gives details of the children's interests and hobbies.

Post Pals is a charity helping to 'Post a Smile on a Sick Child's Face' by sending cards, letters, emails and little gifts to seriously ill children and their siblings in the UK. It is easy to do and anyone of any age can get involved, it requires no commitment and costs only a stamp.

Last year I was intrigued by the charity in a school assembly, so I decided to paint a fairy Christmas

As Charity Captain of 8F I decided to encourage my form and other forms to make Christmas cards too. There was an opportunity to do this during form time. I hope that our cards will bring a smile to the children over Christmas.

Charlotte Gibbs (8F)



MUSIC NEWS

tunities. Students were able to ask questions that were pertinent to them and discovered information about the three universities which will be useful for interviews. The sessions also offered some considerations for our Year 12 students, as they move forward to making decisions about further study.

On Wednesday 14th November our A Level Music students had the opportunity to take part in a Webinar with three universities.

The University of Leeds, Goldsmiths and the University of Sheffield all spoke to our students, during an hour long webinar, offering information about their Music courses and oppor-

Mrs H Kasperczyk
Subject Leader Music (Curricular)

MEDIA CONSENT FORMS

Parents were recently sent a message via Weduc requesting the completion of the updated Media Consent Form. This can be found within the 'Forms' section on Weduc. We are still awaiting a large number of completed forms from parents. To comply with the new Data Protection regulations (GDPR) please can you complete and return a Media Consent Form if you have not already done so. If you need help locating the form please contact the school for assistance.

Thank you.

SAFETY FOR TEENAGERS

With the dark nights upon us it is a good time to remind our children how to keep themselves safe and what to do if they are feeling threatened or in a situation that they need to get out of. Here are a couple of ideas:

1. Dial the Emergency Services without alerting someone:

This article in the Independent newspaper shows you how to dial the emergency services and alert your emergency contact without someone knowing. It only appears to be for iPhone but is worth a look.

<https://www.independent.co.uk/life-style/emergency-sos-ip-hone-feature-call-999-danger-automatic-help-a8133021.html>

Note – If you have an iPhone 6S you have to press the button on the top not the side.

2. Sometimes young people can get into a situation where they feel uncomfortable or unsafe. They frequently feel that they need to save face and feel that they cannot phone home.

One solution is to agree a code word or sentence that they can text to you that means please come and pick me up asap I will explain later. You can then text back saying that I need to pick you up now because..... This way they get out of the situation but still save face.

3. For older teenagers there is an initiative in some towns and cities called 'Ask for Angela'. If a person is feeling vulnerable or threatened go to the bar and ask for Angela – the bar staff will then take you out of the pub/club a different way to keep you safe.

Mrs C Tipper
Assistant Headteacher Pastoral

Spotlight on Sport Cross Country at Burghley House, Stamford

school for the first time. Congratulations to every member of the team which ranged from Year 7 to Year 13. Some KSHS runners who finished within the top band will have the opportunity to compete at the County Cross Country Championships early next year. A special mention goes to Hazel (11MC) who once again finished in 1st place (Inter Girls), Laura (13A) who finished in 1st place (Senior Girls) following her 2nd place last year and to Holly (8L), Esme (11MC) and Georgia (11KG) who all finished within the top 12.

Results				
Age Group	Opposition	Date	Score	Result
Futsal				
Under 16	Kesteven & Sleaford Sports Association (KSSA) Schools tournament	Away Thursday 8 th November @ St George's		2 nd place
Under 14	Kesteven & Sleaford Sports Association (KSSA) Schools tournament	Away Tuesday 20 th November @ St George's		3 rd place

Upcoming fixtures		
Age Group	Opposition	Date
Gymnastics		
Lincolnshire Secondary Schools Championships		Sunday 9 th December @ Grantham Meres Leisure centre

Student Sporting Success Maddy – National Judo

Maddy (8F) competed in the BJC National Championships on 18th November. She walked away with a Bronze Medal in her weight category. This competition followed her Bronze medal at the BJA British Schools East Region at the end of October.

GROWTH MINDSET NOMINATIONS 12th to 23rd November 2018

tions 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.

Staff are invited to nominate students who have demonstrated a Growth Mindset in the past few weeks. This might have been in lessons, in clubs, in tutor time or simply around school.

Please note we already award bi-annual subject badges and merits for good academic work, effort and improvement. These Growth Mindset nomina-

Subject area	Student being nominated	Tutor Group	Staff nominating
English	Caitlin Ford	9F	Mr J Cassidy
German	Eleanor Brewster	9A	Mr L Rooke
German	Emma Byrne	9A	Mr L Rooke
History	Emma Rock	7L	Miss R Grindley
History	Isla Rogerson	8L	Miss R Grindley
Maths	Poppy Nelson	11MLM	Miss K Duffy

Christmas CONCERT

Tuesday 18th December 2018

6.30pm—8.30pm

School Hall

Tickets on sale from Monday 10th - Thursday 13th December 2018

Outside Mrs Tipper's Office during lunch

Adults £5

Children/Students - £3

Family Ticket (2 Adults + 2 Children) - £12

Includes refreshments

