

Kesteven & Sleaford High School

NEWSLETTER

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5th April

5 Apr	LAST DAY OF TERM
23 Apr	FIRST DAY OF TERM
23-26 Apr	Year 10 Assessment Week
24 Apr	Arts Award Lincoln
27-29 Apr	Duke of Edinburgh Award Silver Practice Expedition
29 Apr - 3 May	Year 12 Assessment Week
30 Apr	Junior Maths Challenge
2-3 May	Duke of Edinburgh Award Bronze Practice Expedition 2
3 May	PTA Bag2School and Non-Uniform Day

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It's been a great Spring term at the High School and students will be ready I'm sure for some time away from the classroom. For Key Stage 4 and 5 students there are of course assessments or formal external examinations to prepare for but our message here is not to neglect the importance of spending time with family and friends away from the revision notes too.

To complement their own revision, staff are running some exam preparation sessions during the break for Year 11 students. These are entirely optional and staff do need to plan for expected numbers: please don't forget to book your daughter onto a session in advance via the Weduc message that was sent out last week or by contacting the school office.

Have a lovely break.

Mrs J Smith
Head of School

KEY STAGE 3 ASSESSMENT SYSTEM - AN INVITATION TO PARENTS

The system we use to grade and report student attainment in Years 7, 8 and 9 has now been in place for 4 years. In light of changes to GCSE examination grades we are reviewing how the system in the lower school fits with the GCSE system and would welcome some feedback from parents. If there are any of our parents who have had recent experience of both our system and Carre's in Year 7, 8 or 9 we would appreciate

*We'd love to hear
your opinion*

some feedback on your experiences with the two systems. Any parent who is able to contribute can provide their feedback via a quick meeting in school, a brief phone call or via email. Please contact Gaynor.White@kshs.uk if you would like to be involved.

Thank you.

Mrs G White
Assistant Headteacher Pupil Progress

Sleaford Tri-School Lit Quiz

On Thursday the 28th of March the three local Sleaford secondary schools, Carre's Grammar School, St George's Academy and Kesteven and Sleaford High School, came together to celebrate a love of reading with a new literature quiz; the Sleaford Tri-School Lit Quiz. Friends and family were allowed to attend; they even had questions of their own between rounds! There was a very good turnout of supporters to cheer on their young readers.

Each school entered three teams of four students and there were 6 rounds altogether, each with 10 questions. The rounds had various themes, such as animals, food, fantasy, witches and wizards and a picture round. The group that won each round received a book token worth £5 for each of the 4 students.

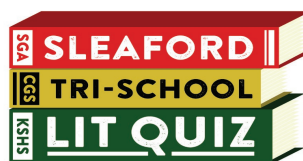
It was a fantastic event with an amazing atmosphere and really allowed everyone to bond over their love of books. During the break, there were refreshments from the St George's PTA and Evie (Year 10) sold Harry Potter themed cupcakes to fundraise for her Mongolia expedition in 2020. There was also a scholastic book fair for those that wished to buy a new book. This was set up by Kesteven and Sleaford High School Library, which encourages everyone to read for pleasure. After a close and exhilarating second half, 1st place went to the KSHS 'Mockingjays', 2nd to the KSHS 'Golden Tickets' and 3rd to 'The Sisters Grimm' from St George's Academy. The winning students were each awarded a £10 book voucher and a medal, along with an impressive engraved trophy to remain in school until the next competition, where Carre's Grammar School and St George's Academy will attempt to overthrow the KSHS champions.

The evening was great fun and it was massively enjoyed by all. Thank you to everyone who helped organise it, particularly the event's sponsors from

Sleafordian Coaches and Sleaford Round Table, who enabled us to award the prizes.

Students who want to take part in the Sleaford Tri-School Lit Quiz next year should get reading if they wish to represent the school and keep the champion's trophy at KSHS!

By Isabel (8F) and Maddy (8L)



The winning 'Mockingjays' – Harriet, Martha, Isabel and Florence – receiving their trophy from the Sleaford and District Round Table sponsors including Neil Freeman

Save the Children London 100 Prudential Ride

On August the 4th I will be riding the London 100 Prudential ride in aid of Save the Children. Having ridden this event once before for Cancer Research in 2017, I raised over £1,500 in the process. This time I am riding the event for Save the Children, an organisation that I feel very passionate about and one that helps millions of children each year all over the world. My target is a modest £450.00 but I would love to raise as much money as possible to give to a great cause. I already have my Save the Children jersey, so keep an eye out for me on the roads as I will be wearing it quite often on my training rides.



Save the Children

Thank you for your support, you can visit my Just Giving page here:

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fundraiser-portal/fundraiserPage?pageId=1034403>

or if you're really keen this is my Strava account, so you can track my mileage!

<https://www.strava.com/athletes/1140444>

Mr M Clifford
Teacher of Art

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PTA News

Thank you to all parents who came along and supported, or donated raffle prizes for, the PTA St Patrick's themed Bingo evening that took place on Friday 22nd March. It was well supported by parents and staff who enjoyed winning an array of Easter eggs and raffle prizes. Thank you also to Mr Rooke for being our Bingo caller yet again. We raised £440.00 which will go towards school projects. Our next fundraiser is a Bag2School and 'civvies' day on Friday 3rd May. This is the second week back after the Easter break, so it may be an opportunity to have a sort out over the holiday.

Bag2School collection bags will be available from Reception after the Easter holidays should you need one.

100 Club Winners

- March – No 46: Kate Wilkinson
- April – No 6: Jennifer Aldridge

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs B Fleming
PTA Chair

NEXT BAG2SCHOOL
COLLECTION FOR PTA
FUNDRAISING

Non-uniform Day

Friday 3rd May

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

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD NEWS

Bronze Practice Expedition

The first expedition of the season took place last weekend in the Sherwood Forest area. 23 Year 10 students completed their practice Bronze in glorious spring sunshine. The staff experienced a new area and campsite too so it was a great experience for all concerned.



Gold Award Residential Experience in Canada

Recently a letter and application form was sent out to all current Silver and Gold registered students inviting them to apply for a fabulous overseas Gold residential experience in Canada. This will be the second year that a full exchange with Canada has taken place. The lucky, selected applicant will travel to Canada and spend a week supporting an International Duke of Edinburgh Conference at Acadia University, Nova Scotia, Halifax. I have managed to secure £450 towards the costs of this experience and hope to see many applicants:

<https://www.dukeofed.org/passiontopurpose>

Good Luck

I want to say a huge good luck to our supervisor who is doing the Marathon des Sables next week. Please take time to look at his Just Giving Pages mentioned on the last newsletter!

Ex-Student Holly Parkinson

One of our ex-students who completed Bronze, Silver and Gold DofE along with her Diamond Challenge in 2016 has continued her thirst for expeditions since leaving KSHS and the Sleaford Joint Sixth Form. In 2018 Holly completed Camp America and has this year taken up the Mount Kilimanjaro challenge raising money for Dig Deep. The charity helps to provide clean water and sanitation for communities in East Africa by building taps and toilets, as well as educating them about things such as menstrual health. If you would like to support this cause please see her page: <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/hollyparkinson1?View+your+page>

Mrs M Walker

Duke of Edinburgh Co-ordinator

Well-Being

Reading Well and Shelf Help

Our School Library has a dedicated 'Shelf Help' section. Students may browse or borrow from an inclusive and diverse range of titles that can help to support them with difficult emotions, grief, anxiety and stress, self-esteem, LGBT, bullying, Autism and Asperger Syndrome, and general teenage experiences. The Library also subscribes to Teen Breath, the first magazine of its kind aimed at secondary aged students; full of great articles and advice on the importance of developing and maintaining good mental health.

In addition, students can also join their local Library where they can access 'Reading Well'; a nationwide scheme that has been developed with the Reading Agency and the Society of Chief Librarians. Several titles from this recommended reading list are also available in the school Library. Our Library staff are on hand throughout the day and also after school to signpost students to suitable resources.

Find out more at :

"<http://www.reading-well.org.uk>"

"<http://www.teenbreathe.co.uk>"

Spotlight on Sport

Year 10 County Handball Champions



Congratulations to the Year 10 Handball squad who won the County tournament to become County champions. They progress to the Regional finals to be played in May.



Year 8 Netball Team

Year 8 and 10 Netball Teams are both KSSA League Champions

Well done to both the Year 8 and Year 10 Netball teams who have won the KSSA tournaments to become District champions.

Results				
Age Group	Opposition	Date	Score	Result
Handball				
U15	County Final	Tuesday 19 th March @ Lincoln	Won	County Champions
Volleyball				
U15	KSSA	Tuesday 2 nd April @ Carre's	Postponed – new date tbc	
Swimming				
Years 7 to 11	Stamford	Thursday 21 st March @ Stamford		Lost - runners up
Netball				
Year 7	Walton Girls	Thursday 14 th March @ Walton Girls	27-1	Won
Year 7	Kesteven & Grantham Girls	Tuesday 19 th March @ home	2-22	Lost
Year 7	Branston	Tuesday 19 th March @ home	0-29	Lost
Year 7 A & B	KSSA tournament	Thursday 28 th March @ Walton Girls		6 th & 7 th place
Year 8	KSSA tournament	Thursday 21 st March @ St George's	Won	KSSA league champions
Year 10	KSSA tournament	Thursday 21 st March @ St George's	Won	KSSA league champions

Upcoming fixtures		
Age Group	Opposition	Date
Golf		
Handicap 18-36	County Final	Monday 29 th April @ Sleaford Golf Club
Handicap <18	County Final	Tuesday 30 th April @ Sleaford Golf Club
Volleyball		
U15 Round 2	KSSA	TBC

Student Success

Sleaford Swimming Club Annual Gala



Sleaford Swimming Club is the local swimming club and last Wednesday they had their annual Gala. Several girls from this school took part including: Amy (Year 13), Becky (Year 8), Lauren (Year 10) and Lily (Year 7). Teigan and Kenzie (Year 10) were officiating. Becky won 4 races: Butterfly 100m under 17's, 100 IM under 17's, 50m backstroke under 14's and 100m backstroke under 17's and also came second and third in some other races too. Amy won the ladies over 17 freestyle 100m.

By Becky (8A)

Amie (9A) – Swimming

This weekend Amie completed the triple 5K swimathon for Cancer Research. She swam 5K on Friday evening, again on Saturday evening and her final one was on Sunday evening. She swam this in memory of her Aunt. She completed all 600 lengths in 5hrs 44mins. She has raised approx £350.

Well done Amie!

JESSICA (10L) SWIMMING SUCCESS

Jessica has had a successful start to the season at the Nottinghamshire County Championships. She competed in a number of races and secured 2nd place overall in her age group. During the competition Jessica won Gold in the 50m freestyle and the 200m individual medley races. She also won Silver in the 50m fly, 100m freestyle and 200m freestyle races.

Congratulations to Jessica!



GROWTH MINDSET NOMINATIONS

18th to 29th March 2019

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 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	Megan Revelle	11MLM	Mr N Periam
French	Taya Blackburn	11KG	Miss E Shales
French	Jenifer Myers	11MLM	Miss E Shales
French	Beth Taylor	11MC	Miss E Shales
Geography	Hollie Ford	11KG	Mrs D Collett
Geography	Lauren Gamble	11KG	Mrs D Collett
Geography	Rebecca Hebden	11JC	Mrs D Collett
Geography	Katie Lancaster	11JC	Mrs D Collett
History	Ellen McHenry	11 MLM	Mrs E Constantine
PSHE	Willow Hanks	8F	Miss K Duffy



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TEACHER OF MATHEMATICS

Full or Part Time (0.7 FTE approx) – September 2019

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 Robert Carre Trust and Sleaford Joint Sixth Form.

The successful candidate will:

- deliver and foster outstanding teaching and learning
- be able to inspire, support and challenge pupils, ideally up to A Level standard

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 teachers
- Excellent CPD opportunities both in house and as part of the LTSA
- The benefits and opportunities of being part of the Robert Carre Trust
- Free gym membership

Please return application forms available on our website: www.kshs.uk and a brief covering letter outlining your suitability for the post to Mrs H Gill, PA to the Headteacher (email: helen.gill@kshs.uk). Alternatively please contact the school to discuss this role or to visit us in advance.

Closing Date: **Wednesday 24 April 2019 (noon)**

Interviews: **Week commencing 29 April 2019**

We reserve the right to interview candidates on application.

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.