

Kesteven & Sleaford High School

NEWSLETTER

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7th June 2019

12 Jun	Think for the Future Parent Workshop
13-15 Jun	Year 12 & 13 Art Study Visit
13 Jun	7L & 7W Mablethorpe Trip
14 Jun	7A & 7F Mablethorpe Trip
15-16 Jun	Duke of Edinburgh Award Bronze Assessment 2
15 Jun	Anglian Schools Championships
17 Jun	Artists in Residence Workshop
17 Jun	Performing Arts Evening
18 Jun	Year 5 Taster Day 1
18 Jun	Year 12 Higher Education Evening
19 Jun	Year 8 Raytheon Quadcopter Challenge
19 Jun	Summer Music Soirée
20 Jun	Year 5 Taster Day 2
21-22 Jun	Year 7 Walesby Trip
21 Jun	Curriculum Day
21 Jun	Year 10 Geography Lincoln Visit
21 Jun	Year 10 Lincoln Castle Trip
21 Jun	Year 8 Art Study Visit

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to the first of three newsletters for term 6. We have a packed programme for students, both existing and prospective this term, making the most of time gained due to Year 11 and Year 13 being occupied in the examination hall or starting their hard-earned summer break!

I'd like to take the opportunity to thank those parents who have already generously contributed to the Robert Carre Trust Gift or who continue to kindly donate to the PTA. If you would like to find out more about a way to contribute to the fundraising efforts of the school please do get in touch with our Director of Finance Jeremy.Green@robertcarretrust.uk. One-off donations, as well as regular monthly payments, to the RCT Gift fund will contribute significantly to the resources we are able to offer our young people: the focus for next year is on ensuring our young people have access to the best IT facilities. The school's success is largely a result of the excellent support both staff and young people have from parents and friends of the school. Thank you.

Mrs J Smith
Head of School

FINALIST FOR YOUNG BAFTA GAME

CONCEPT AWARD

We are delighted to say that we have been nominated for a BAFTA for designing a video game. We have been working on this concept for a long time and it is our first time entering. It was unbelievable to hear that we are finalists for the 10-14 Game Concept award. Our game was tackling issues like bullying, LGBTQ+ and mental health. We based our idea on different colours representing different issues people have to deal with. We felt that the main issues highlighted in today's society are mental health but there is so much more that people have to live with that isn't understood. Our aim was to promote other issues in order to help people understand the lives of others. We still can't believe we are finalists and will be going to the BAFTAs in June for the awards ceremony. We have been working on it for 3 months and it is amazing to see how far we've come. We have learnt to work as a team as well as conveying our ideas in a way that is easy to

understand for others. There are 40 entrants from across the UK who are also finalists and we can't wait for the ceremony where we will get to meet gaming professionals and gain mentorship. This is an amazing experience as we would like to work in the gaming industry as designers and programmers. This has helped us develop our skills for the future and we can't wait to see where this takes us!

Recently we were interviewed by BBC Radio Lincolnshire about our game and being BAFTA nominees. This whole experience has been amazing and the support we are getting is phenomenal!

Evie Sanger-Davies (9W) and Jess Nunn Wright (9W)

To find out more:

<http://ygd.bafta.org/competition/competition-news/2019/colours>

<http://ygd.bafta.org/>



These are headshots of the first person sprites in front view. From top left Red, Orange, Yellow, Green From bottom left: Blue, Purple, Pink, Mysterious Stranger



'THINK FOR THE FUTURE' ASSEMBLY

On Monday 20th May, Key Stage 3 were presented with an assembly all about mental health. Mental health is the wellbeing of your mind and is just as important as physical health. It was great timing for this assembly as I'm sure it helped with the stress of exams for some students.

The assembly was interesting and engaging because the presenter got us to interact and talk and think about mental health. One thing that many students remembered was how she had walked up and down the hall with a balloon. She had asked us to tell her worries that people may have - every time someone told a worry, she blew the balloon up a little more. Eventually, it got so packed with "worries" that it popped! She then told us the balloon was like our mind and that it should never have to be that filled with stress and anxiety.

The assembly moved on to how we could cope with that stress, worry and other upsetting feelings. At every stage she gave us ways of coping, such as (if we were having trouble sleeping) to tense our bodies really hard and then slowly relax. We practised this during the assembly.

The presenter said that talking is one of the best solutions if you are feeling unhappy because when a burden is shared, it becomes a lot lighter; talking can also give a different perspective on the problem.

The presenter told us that, if we didn't feel like talking to anybody we knew, we could go online as well. Childline (0800 1111) has anonymous counsellors and at www.kooth.com - a mental health website for 10-18 years - we could take part in an online chat. Also there are counsellors on the website "Young Minds" as well as useful information.

If parents would like any more information on mental health, please look at the website "Young Minds" as it has a section for parent information. There are also many other websites about mental health to look at that can really help.

Meredith Rutland (7L)

REMINDER:

The second 'Think for the Future' parent workshop will be held on Wednesday 12th June from 5.30pm to 7pm.

Internet Safety

There have been some concerns raised over a video sharing app called 'TikTok'.

Please find below a link to a parent factsheet on the school website which has been produced by The Key's safeguarding centre.

https://web.kshs.uk/data/website/Information/E-Safety/CHILD_SAFETY_TIK_TOK_PARENT_FACTSHEET_THE_KEY.pdf

I hope you find it useful.

Mrs C Tipper
Assistant Headteacher Pastoral



DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD NEWS

We are mid-way through our busy expedition season having completed two Bronze and one Silver practice expeditions during March, April and May.

We have also just completed the first of two Bronze assessed expeditions with all 25 students completing and passing. They are now working on their eDofE, kit return and aim presentations to complete their awards in full.

We have the remaining 53 Bronze students out on their assessed expedition on the 15-16 June closely followed by the 25 Silver students completing their assessed expedition on the 29th June to 1 July.

July will be a very busy month with the arrival of the Canadian student for the first of two Gold expeditions being held in the Yorkshire Dales seeing 17 students attend (including 7 being assessed).

Also in July we have the Year 5 Open Evenings at both schools where you are welcome to come and find out more and sample our bacon butties cooked on Trangia stoves!

On the 10th July we have our registration evening where new or existing students can come along to find out more about the award and to enrol for next year (open to all Year 9+ students).

If you need any information please email: dofe@robertcarretrust.uk

Mrs M Walker
Duke of Edinburgh Co-ordinator



Congratulations....

Molly Fairhead Year 12, has been shortlisted for the National Theatre's annual playwriting competition for 14-19 year olds and will have her play read by professional actors as part of the festival in July.

Molly's original play, 'The Wrong People', was one of nine plays shortlisted from 350 entries across the UK by a panel of judges. The Wrong People is about Ben Harrison, a 17 year old from a Catholic family whose

parents refuse to take him seriously after he reveals he is gay. After an argument with his parents, Ben's grandmother reveals a family secret and Ben is curious to learn more...

Hundreds of students took part this year, learning about playwriting from top writers in the industry and penning their own 30-minute plays.

Molly's play will have a rehearsed reading by professional actors on July 1st in the Dorfman Theatre.



Spotlight on Sport

KSSA Athletics at Grantham Meres Stadium

Well done to all 42 students who took part in the KSSA Athletics event at Grantham Meres stadium on Monday 20th May. The following students qualified in their events and progress to the County Championships at Boston. Madalain came first in the Year 8 100m final, Holly came first in the intermediate 100m final and Eva won the Year 7 Shot Put.

Name	Event
Madalain	100m Relay
Ruby	Javelin
Georgia	800m
Neve	200m 300m
Alexia	200m
Hannah	3000m
Amelia	Sprint Hurdles
Gabby	Shot
Holly	100m 200m Relay



Eva Year 7 - Winner of KSSA Shot Put



Holly Year 10 - Winner KSSA 100m



Maddy Year 8 - Winner 100m

Results			Score	Result
Age Group	Opposition	Date		
Athletics				
Years 7 to 10	District Competition	Monday 20th May @ Grantham Meres Stadium		4 th place
Volleyball				
U15 Round 2	KSSA	Thursday 16 th May @ Carre's	Won 2 matches Lost 2 matches	TBC

Upcoming fixtures		
Age Group	Opposition	Date
Rowing		
Year 10	@ Newark Rowing Club	Wednesday after school
Athletics		
Years 8 to 10	County championships	Thursday 5 th June @ Boston Stadium
Rounders		
Year 10	KSSA	Wednesday 12 th June @ St George's
Year 9	KSSA	Wednesday 19 th June @ St George's
Year 8	KSSA	Wednesday 26 th June @ St George's
Year 7	KSSA	Wednesday 3 rd July @ St George's

Student Success

Victoria (Year 12) – National Wheelchair Basketball

A few weeks ago I competed in the 3rd round of the women's league where we played teams including Scotland and North Wales. We played 4 matches in total, all of which were very close. We won 3 out of the 4, only marginally losing to North Wales. The next weekend was the National Junior finals, we went into the competition as the number one team as we were undefeated and we had won all our matches by a lot to qualify. We came out 7th in the tournament which was better than the year before where we came 8th.

The Tuesday after that was the National finals for St George's Academy. We again went into the competition undefeated, we won our first match

and lost our second then we went into a match to compete for 7th and 8th in which we won so we came 7th in the end.



Lily (Year 7) - Kayaking

I have been kayaking for two years now and really like it. This year I have been awarded 'Paddler of the Year' from my club and I have recently become the Youth Chairman. Last month I met with a representative from British Canoeing to discuss how to get more girls involved the sport. #shepaddles. I like the white water events best. I am part of Slea Paddlers Canoe and Kayak club.



Leah (Year 7) – Couch to 5K

I've never considered myself to be much of a runner, so two months ago my Mum and I decided to join the Sleaford Striders Couch to 5K club.

Over the course of seven weeks, we started running a little and then walking to rest. Their course built up our running ability until eventually we were running

more than we walked.

Last week was our final week, taking on the 5K completely running the whole thing. I was quite nervous on the night but we did it!! I even managed a sprint finish.



GROWTH MINDSET NOMINATIONS

13th to 24th May 2019

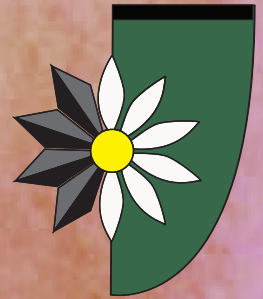


Staff are invited to nominate students who have demonstrated a Growth Mindset in the past few weeks. This might have been in lessons, in clubs, in tutor time or simply around school.

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
Computing	Megan Christiansen	7A	Mr S Mulligan
Computing	Amy Clarke	7A	Mr S Mulligan
Computing	Carla Cocut	7A	Mr S Mulligan
Computing	Charlotte Thomas	7A	Mr S Mulligan
French	Bella Aitken	8A	Mr A Shivas
French	Becky Creedon	8A	Mr A Shivas
French	Charlotte Dunham	9A	Miss E Shales
French	Ami-Mai Hopkins	10F	Miss A Beckitt
French	Ava Newell	10L	Miss A Beckitt
French & German	Maddy Wighton	9W	Miss E Shales
Geography	Livia Banks	8A	Mrs S Livingstone
Geography	Holly Couchman	8A	Mrs S Livingstone
Geography	Chloe Dachtler	8A	Mrs S Livingstone
Geography	Elizabeth Dinsdale	8A	Mrs S Livingstone
Geography	Scarlett Enright	9F	Mrs S Livingstone
Geography	Celia Good	10F	Mrs S Livingstone
German	Emma Purkis	7L	Mr L Rooke
Graphic Comms	Georgia Cowling	10A	Mr M Clifford
Music	Kayleigh Holman	7F	Mrs H Kasperczyk
Psychology	Rachael Brand	12L	Miss H Nicholls
Psychology	Philippa Coles	12A	Miss H Nicholls
Psychology	Zoe Newnham	12A	Miss H Nicholls
Science	Romilly Cozens	7A	Mr N Periam
Science	Scarlett Nelson	7L	Mr N Periam

SUMMER MUSIC SOIRÉE



Wednesday 19th June 2019

6.30pm to 7.30pm

In the Music Department

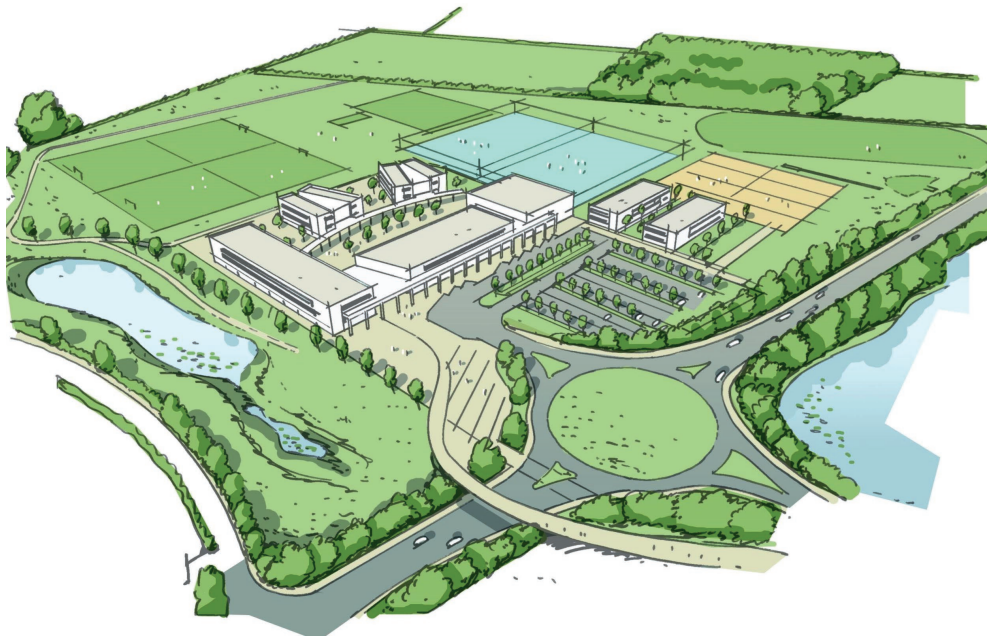
*An evening of music performed by
instrumental and vocal students*

New Site Update

You will be aware of the ambition of the Robert Carre Trust to move to a new site and create an 11-18 co-educational Grammar School on the outskirts of the town adjacent to the A15 and the Sleaford West Urban Extension. This is an artist's impression of what it could look like.

We remain committed to this project and the DfE has confirmed the policy decision that approves the merging of the two schools into one school on one site. However, there is the issue of funding to resolve. As such we are continuing to seek funding from a range of sources to present a financial model that is acceptable to the DfE. This involves discussions with a range of potential partners to create innovative and acceptable financial models.

The formal 'Option to Purchase' of the land has now been agreed and is in the hands of the solicitors awaiting its final sign off. This will mean the school has a legally binding contract giving it first refusal on the site for our potential development.



Mr N Law
Executive Headteacher
Robert Carre Trust
June 2019