

Kesteven & Sleaford High School

# NEWSLETTER

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5th July 2019

8 Jul	Year 10 Beth Shalom Trip
9 Jul	Year 11 Prom
10-13 Jul	Year 8 Trip to Germany
10 Jul	Duke of Edinburgh Award Registration Evening
11-15 Jul	Duke of Edinburgh Award Gold 1 Expedition
12 Jul	Year 3 & 4 Mini Olympics and Year 5 & 6 Athletics
15-19 Jul	Year 12 Work Experience
16 Jul	Year 7 Trip to Skegness
17 Jul	Year 9 Sports Leadership Event
17 Jul	Summer (80s) Concert
19 Jul	Junior Prizegiving
19 Jul	LAST DAY OF TERM
15 Aug	A Level Results Day
19-23 Aug	Duke of Edinburgh Award Gold 2 Expedition
22 Aug	GCSE Results Day
2 Sep	Staff Training Day
3 Sep	FIRST DAY OF TERM Years 7, 12 & 13
4 Sep	FIRST DAY OF TERM Years 8, 9 10 & 11

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The last two weeks have been packed with annual events that form some of the best High School traditions. For several years running we have been blessed with good weather for our off timetable day. Staff ran visits to Walesby Forest for Year 7 camping and outward bounds activities, Year 8 visited the Yorkshire Sculpture park with the Art department and Year 10 spent their day on History and Geography fieldwork activities.

It was Year 12s turn last Friday when they took part in University Open days in Nottingham or Lincoln. Year 13 meanwhile celebrated the end of their Sixth Form experience at the Sleaford Joint Sixth Form prom and at the other end of their school careers Year 6 students starting with us in September had their induction day in school. Even Year 5 pupils weren't left out with two taster days recently that provided a glimpse into life at The High School. A collage of photos from several of those events can be found in this newsletter.

As this is the last Newsletter of term, I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a good summer and I look forward to seeing the students rested and ready for the new school year in September.

Mrs J Smith  
Head of School







## Yorkshire Sculpture Park

### THIRD PLACE IN NATIONAL MATHS COMPETITION!

A few months ago, Miss Duffy informed Year 7 to Year 9 about a maths game design competition hosted by MangaHigh, an international maths game website. This sounded very exciting, so three of my friends (Jess, Lizzie and Isobel) and myself decided to participate. Certain criteria applied: teams had to consist of 4-6 people; and we had specific topics from which to choose to base our game around – these included ‘Keeping Time’ (our chosen topic) and ‘Positive and Negative Numbers’. We then brainstormed ideas of what our game could include and thought of a team name – ‘The Voyagers’. Next, we decided on an ‘around the world’ theme with animal characters. We had to make sure maths was incorporated into the game as much as possible, so we included timetables which necessitated calculating the local time at various destinations and converting hours/minutes/seconds. Our game can also develop historical and geographical skills throughout as the animal characters, who help the player in the game, also give facts and tips about the country in which the player is currently situated. We then entered our game concept into the competition.

Just before the May half-term, we found out that we were amongst the 10 teams who had been shortlisted for the final on 27th June in London. We edited our presentation and created drawings and the map that could feature in our game. Then, on 27th June, we travelled by train to London and, despite slight delays on the London Underground, we made it to the NESTA (an innovation foundation) Headquarters. On arrival, we were split into 4 groups,

each with either 2 or 3 teams in their group. We then listened to a short speech, after which we took part in a ‘Magic Maths’ workshop, whilst Groups 1 and 2 presented their games. After an hour, it was our turn to present in front of the other team (‘Sub-Zero Heroes’ from Birmingham) in Group 3, judges and representatives from MangaHigh. After our 10 minute presentation, we were asked a few questions about our game by the judges and then it was ‘Sub-Zero Heroes’ team’s turn to present their game about negative numbers and mining! After all the presentations, we had our lunch and then the awards ceremony followed. We found out that we had come third overall! We were amazed by our achievement and received a trophy and plaque for our hard work.

After the train journey home, we were all very tired but had had an amazing day and had been very proud to represent the school in this way! We would also like to say thank you to Mr Mulligan and Mrs Simpson who accompanied us down to London and arranged our transport and to MangaHigh and Miss Duffy who gave us the opportunity to enter this competition – we would recommend it for maths lovers next year!

By Amelia (9W)



## BAFTA YOUNG GAME DESIGNER 2019

FOLLOWING ON FROM OUR NOMINATION FOR THE BAFTA YOUNG GAME DESIGNER 2019, JESSICA AND I WERE INVITED TO VISIT 195 BAFTA PICCADILLY FOR THE AWARD CEREMONY ON THE 29TH JUNE. THIS WAS HELD IN THE OFFICIAL HEADQUARTERS OF BAFTA. THIS WAS AMAZING TO EXPERIENCE AS FEW PEOPLE GET TO VISIT BAFTA, SO HAVING THIS OPPORTUNITY WAS INCREDIBLE.

SADLY, WE DID NOT WIN IN OUR CATEGORY, BUT THE MEMORIES AND THE DAY'S EXPERIENCE WERE VERY WORTHWHILE. WE GOT TO MEET LEADING FIGURES IN THE GAMING AND DESIGN INDUSTRY, SUCH AS ELLEN ROSE FROM OUTSIDE XTRA AND MIKE BITHELL, CREATOR OF THOMAS WAS ALONE, WHO GAVE AN INFLUENTIAL SPEECH ABOUT THE GAMING INDUSTRY. HE ALSO TALKED TO US AND GAVE US ADVICE ON WHAT TO DO NOW TO IMPROVE OUR SKILLS AND HELP OUR CAREERS IN THE GAME DESIGN INDUSTRY. IT WAS AMAZING TO MEET LIKE-MINDED INDIVIDUALS WHO SHARE A PASSION FOR DESIGNING AND MAKING

SOMETHING AS REWARDING AS GAMES. THIS EXPERIENCE WILL HELP US IN LATER LIFE AND HAS PUSHED US TO DEVELOP AND FURTHER OUR SKILLS.

WE HOPE THIS EVENT WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR MANY YEARS TO COME, AS THE BENEFITS AND SKILLS ARE LIFE CHANGING. WE WOULD LIKE MORE PEOPLE TO ENTER THIS AMAZING EXPERIENCE AND WE MAY TRY AGAIN AND ENTER NEXT YEAR, FOLLOWING THE ADVICE FROM THE PROFESSIONALS.

TO FIND OUT MORE:

[HTTP://YGD.BAFTA.ORG/](http://ygd.bafta.org/)

BY EVIE (9W)



## Dates of Next Year's PTA Meetings

Monday 7pm in the Staff Room

16th September 2019 AGM

11th November

20th January 2020

9th March

11th May

22th June

We welcome parents of students in all years at any point in the year. Please come and support the PTA.





## WALESBY 2019

We have just returned from the forest with 98 Year 7 students, following an exciting and challenging two days. The girls demonstrated determination, team building and total resilience. There were lake activities, a 25ft climbing wall, team building exercises and giant crate stacks.

The girls were a pleasure to be with and were all responsive to the challenges being set, with cheering and clapping from the side lines as girls pushed themselves out of their comfort zones in many of the activities.

My thanks go to the fantastic team of staff members who gave up their time to support this trip.

Nadrah (7A) shares her experiences below.

Mrs J Pankhurst  
Head of Year 7

*Walesby was a fun, exciting and extremely epic experience. Although, the tents had "hungry for all our sugar" bugs making a few visits, I had an enjoyable camping experience. It was something different to what I had done before. The activities were really good and entertaining, especially the lake and we had fun – even if some of us ended up in the lake! Some of my favourite activities were the crate stacking and the 25ft climbing wall. The crate stacking in particular because everyone was working together to stack the crates, determined to get as high as possible! When it's your turn to be on top of the stack in the harness it's thrilling and very wobbly; as Mrs Smith found out when we all persuaded her to have a go!*

*Walesby was amazing, a great opportunity to make new friends and, of course, an excuse to laugh at (and with!) the teachers who made it possible for us to go on this epic trip.*

Nadrah (7A)

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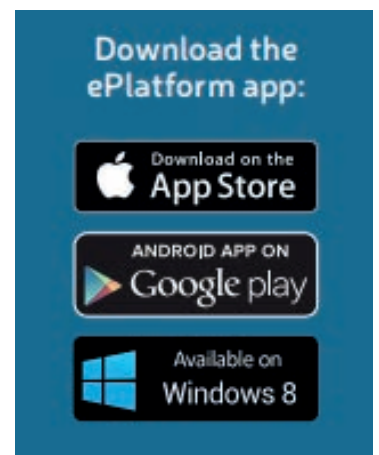
**ePlatform**  
by Wheelers books

Whilst the long summer break is a well-earned opportunity for students to unwind after a busy school year, reading for pleasure is a habit that can often become neglected. Not only does reading expand students' knowledge and vocabulary, it is a great way of engaging in regular and meaningful relaxation. All students at KSHS have free access to the eplatform App by Wheelers books. This fantastic resource has a broad range of over one thousand titles that can be borrowed for a loan period of two weeks. The returning of books is automatic, and users can also renew and reserve titles. Borrowing from this virtual library is a great way to encourage continued good reading habits throughout the summer holidays, whether travelling or relaxing at home. Each student has their own individual username and password. Students who need to be re supplied with their individual log in details, can call into the library before the end of term.

As we come to the end of the academic year, Students are being reminded of the importance of returning all library books to the school library before the end of term. Although we do not operate a fine system, failure to return books will result in a replacement charge request being sent to parents. Books that have been lost or damaged will also be subject to a replacement charge.

I look forward to hearing about the fantastic literary adventures our students have been on when we return in September.

Mrs C Gibson  
LRC Manager



# Expanding Literary Horizons in French

Recently, I have started reading French books. I have found that it has really helped me to enhance my vocabulary and improve the way I write and speak the language. The most recent book I have read is called 'Le Cri de la Mouette' By Emmanuelle Laborit. It is a novel about the author herself and how she perceives the world due to the fact she was born deaf. The book takes you through her journey and shows you how she goes about her normal day from the age of a few days old all the way through to her early adulthood. The book shares her struggles and even her biggest achievements throughout her life, giving you an insight into how hard it must have been to grow up in her situation. The book inspires others to be grateful for what they have and understand that nothing can stop you from doing what you set out to achieve. I will continue to read in French in order to enrich my understanding further and increase my vocabulary when I speak to others. I find that it's such a privilege to be able to read in another language because not only is it helpful but it enables me to widen my horizons and my understanding of the world.



Jazmin Randall (9L)

# Linguastars 2019: 27th - 28th June

Last week, I attended Linguastars, an annual summer school held by the University of Leeds. This provided the experience of studying languages at university, enabling us to have a taste of various aspects of life as a language student, both academically and socially. I applied through their website, as suggested by Madame Beckitt, and was extremely lucky to get in – considering over half of their applicants are rejected from the programme.

Both of the 2 days were extremely busy, we did a large variety of activities, such as seminars in 2 different languages (mine were Italian and Thai), a trial in our

chosen Joint Honours subjects, campus tours, student ambassador talks and bowling as a way to wind down with our delegates in the evening! From this residential, I learned more details about what life as a language student is like, from a student's point of view. I also learned about different career opportunities using languages and learned about the importance of learning foreign languages in this day and age. I would highly recommend this residential to anyone interested in languages!

Joanne Andrew  
Year 12 French student



## PTA 100 CLUB WINNERS

### Congratulations to our Summer Term winners:

June  
July  
August

Number 58  
Number 78  
Number 54

Mrs Hanwell  
Julie Parsons  
Louise Woods

## Spotlight on Sport

### Rounders

Well done to all students who have been training for this seasons KSSA Rounders tournaments. The Year 8 Rounders team were successful in winning their tournament.

Results			Result
Age Group	Opposition	Date	
Rounders			
Year 9	KSSA	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June @ St George's	4 <sup>th</sup> place
Year 8	KSSA	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June @ St George's	1 <sup>st</sup> place
Year 7	KSSA	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July @ St George's	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place



# Rowing at Newark

A group of Year 10 KSHS students who are part of Newark Rowing Club, alongside their Coach Adam Stancer, identified the potential to develop a Sleaford girls' squad to raise the profile of this developing sport. The Physical Education Department saw this as an excellent opportunity to link to an activity outside the traditional curriculum we can offer within school.



We have been able to collaborate and provide this opportunity for a number of students from KSHS to experience rowing both off and on the water to establish potential talent. Over the six week period the girls have learnt techniques on indoor Ergo rowing machines, developed rowing related fitness and have learnt the basic skills needed for working in a quad out on the water.

With the help of more experienced rowers from their age group our students were able to navigate a section of the River Trent.

As a result of their experience some of the students have been invited to join Newark Rowing Club and look forward to realising their potential with this club link.

We hope to continue this link next academic year to enable more students to take part.



## Imogen (10F) Dance

I dance for 'Dream Extreme' in Ruskington. We compete in several competitions across the country. Our most recent was 'Battle of the Champions' at Nottingham Arena which is one of the best national competitions, where I performed in a Lyrical dance. We were very successful and came away with first place, giving us the title "Senior Lyrical UK champions".

## Year 10 Rowing – Henley Women’s Regatta

Neve (10W), Connie (10F) and Phoebe (10F)

We raced at Henley Women’s Regatta last Friday in the junior J16 category and were racing up a year with another girl from our club in a quad. We went down to Henley on Thursday to practice on the course and raced 1,500m on Friday evening for the time trial. Unfortunately we came 11th out of 19 so we didn’t qualify for the quarter final by around 5 seconds but we are hopeful to do so next year.

# GROWTH MINDSET NOMINATIONS

17th to 28th June 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
Geography	Rosie Belcher	10A	Mrs D Collett
Geography	Saffron Brankin	10A	Mrs D Collett
Geography	Abbey Doncaster	10A	Mrs D Collett
Geography	Nelly MacArthur	10F	Mrs D Collett
Geography	Charley Tweedale	10W	Mrs D Collett
Geography	Lauren Whitehead	10W	Mrs D Collett
German	Rebekah Maloney	10A	Miss E Shales
History	Ebony Rose	10L	Miss R Grindey
History	Leah Wardle	10W	Miss R Grindey
Walesby Trip	Anya Hand	7F	Mrs J Pankhurst
Walesby Trip	Katherine Norton	7L	Mrs J Pankhurst
Walesby Trip	Elisabeth Thorogood-Bos	7F	Mrs J Pankhurst
Walesby Trip	Martha Thorogood-Bos	7W	Mrs J Pankhurst
Walesby Trip	Reese Ward-Walters	7W	Mrs J Pankhurst

**Year 7 and 8  
Movie and Pizza  
Night  
27th September 2019  
Tickets £4.00  
ON SALE  
September 9th**





# **NEXT BAG2SCHOOL COLLECTION FOR PTA FUNDRAISING**

**NON-UNIFORM DAY**

**27<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019**

**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.**



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SUPPORT OF KSHS PTA**



# *KASH* **SUMMER** *CONCERT*

***Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2019***

***6.30 – 8.30pm***

***School Hall***

***Tickets***

***£4 Adult, £2.50 children (£10 family ticket)***

***Available outside Mrs Tipper's office from  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2019 between 1.00pm – 1.20pm***





## **Vacancies: Leisure Assistants/Gym Assistant**

Please state on your application if you are applying for the  
Leisure Assistant or Gym Assistant post (or both)

Carre's Grammar School is looking for several enthusiastic people to join the team working across the different disciplines within the Community Sport Team. These include the Northgate Sports Hall and the Fitness Facility. Shifts will start in September 2019 and they will be offered to successful candidates either midweek (evenings) or at a weekend.

You should be a well-presented person aged 16+ with excellent interpersonal and organisational skills and the ability to use your own initiative. Applicants must be flexible and it is important that you are able to work as a part of our team.

Application forms are available on the school website [www.carres.uk](http://www.carres.uk)

For more information or an informal discussion, please contact  
Megan Hardwick on 01529 308746 or email [Megan.Hardwick@carres.uk](mailto:Megan.Hardwick@carres.uk)

Closing date for applications is **Monday 8 July at 4pm**

Successful applicants will be invited for a formal interview on

**Wednesday 10 July**

Please note that an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check is required before appointment, along with your proof of right to work in the UK (Passport or full Birth Certificate) and proof of National Insurance number.