



## Useful Dates

3 Dec	Year 12 & 13 Tower of London Trip
3 Dec	Year 12 & 13 Drama Performance
7 Dec	Duke of Edinburgh Award Training Day 2
11 Dec	Year 13 'Too fast too soon' at Carre's
11 Dec	Christmas Concert
13 Dec	Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day
13 Dec	School Christmas Lunch

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Whilst most upper school students have all been busy with autumn term assessments or mock examinations recently, I'd like to give a special mention to all those students across year groups who have juggled their studies and found time to represent the school so brilliantly in the last couple of weeks. A special mention must go to Year 9 students who have recently represented the school at the Raytheon STEM challenge, bringing home a trophy for the best sustainable design, and to our Year 8 and Year 10 Youth Speaks public speaking competitors who you will see pictured in this edition. Our football teams have made their mark too with our Under 16 team through to the last 32 teams of the National Cup.

Thank you to all parents who completed our recent school survey. One of the positive things that came across was your appreciation of all the extra-curricular opportunities available to students. We really value this feedback. Clubs, trips and activities are mostly offered through staff goodwill and so it's super for us when we see students being so engaged and successful.

Kind regards,

Mrs J Smith  
Head of School

PS: If, like us, you would enjoy being part of a profession that nurtures the talents and interests of young people and have been thinking about a career change then the letter attached to this newsletter may be of interest to you!

## 'YOUTH SPEAKS' COMPETITION

Congratulations to Hope, Nancy and Hannah in Year 8 who beat eight other local teams last week to take first place in this year's 'Youth Speaks' Public Speaking competition. Hannah also took away first place as the best Vote of Thanks. The team's presentation on how young people's use of social media affects their mental health impressed the judges for its well constructed content and articulate team work.

Hannah, Reece and Ellie, also in Year 8, also made it to the public competition after impressing in the school based rounds with their talk 'Who are We to Say?'

Scarlett, Raluca and Isabel in Year 10 represented the Senior students with their talk 'Should Organ Donorship be compulsory?' Raluca took first prize for best Chairperson. Well done to them all.

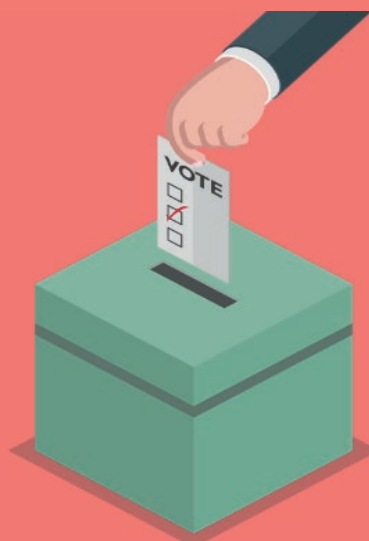
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# KSHS ELECTION

Students have been introduced to our 'KSHS Election' over the last two weeks and are now in the process of registering to vote, choosing their form's candidate to represent their views to form four parties for election on Thursday 12th December, on the same day that those over 18 will go to the polling station to vote for MPs. Alex in Year 10 has been chosen as the Registrar and her team are working to turn registrations into polling cards ready for the big day. Watch out for more information in future newsletters!

Mr L Rooke  
PSHE Co-ordinator



## Library News

The Library at KSHS is a popular and well stocked resource. Inclusive, diverse

and packed full of books to encourage all our students in a lifelong love of reading. Libraries are a vital hub in the schools and communities they serve and are as relevant now as they have ever been. Technology plays an important part in providing access to literature, and although selecting and reading an actual book remains as popular as ever, eBooks provide an alternative to those who prefer to read via a device. Choosing what to read next, and sharing our appreciation of a good book can also greatly enhance our reading experiences. Online communities and resources can provide additional encouragement alongside a Library visit, and with this in mind I would like to remind parents of the additional resources available to all our students.



The school subscribes to an E-book Platform called WHEELERS, which enables students who like to read via a mobile device the opportunity to download an APP. This gives them access to a varied collection of titles, both fiction and nonfiction. Titles can be borrowed for two weeks, after which they will require renewing if further reading time is required. Various fonts and backgrounds can be selected, which may be particularly useful for students with Dyslexia.



In addition, students are able to log in remotely or from a school computer into the Library system ECLIPSE, where they can view their current loans, browse the Library catalogue, plan what to read next, or produce their own book reviews.

Both resources can be accessed via the school website by following the student link and clicking on-line learning where Wheelers and Eclipse.net will be found. All students are allocated separate and individual log-ins and passwords for both sites. Students wishing to be supplied or reminded of these can call into the Library and staff will provide the necessary details.

Mrs C Gibson  
Learning Resource Centre Manager

# Lincolnshire Schools' Poetry Competition

In mid-October, in the KSHS Poet's Corner Club, students wrote poems based on the theme of 'truth' and were encouraged to enter the Lincolnshire Schools' Poetry Competition. Isabel (Year 9) wrote about the truth and lack of it in her amazing poem and she deservedly went on to win the First Prize for Key Stage 3.

Isabel described her inspiration stating: 'I chose to write my poem about religion and the ideals of religious 'truths''.

On Monday the 11th of November the winners and runners up were announced and each young poet will go on Friday the 29th of November to collect their earned prize at the presentation evening held by The Willoughby Memorial Trust. Congratulations Isabel!

Miss G Walters  
Teacher of English

## 'Truth' by Isabel:

"I want to know the truth" she begged on her knees,  
"Give me a sign God, please."

She walks the church ground letting her fingers trace  
The cold, hard stone of each bleak grave.

She fingers the necklace she'd worn since she was one,  
the tiny, silver cross twinkles in the sun.

We are told that to swallow our opinion is to have pride,  
That we must be blind to reality and blind to the lies;

But the God I know, love and trust

Would never kill or turn a city to dust.

So why have I been taught that God is hate?

That to show my neck or my knees is a disgrace.

I am taught that to love a girl is a sin,

heaven would never let a homosexual in.

Every Sunday I am parroted these lies,

But if God doesn't exist, then who am I?

# SMACK THAT

Kesteven & Sleaford High School

a conversation

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December

6.30pm

Hall

Tickets £5.00



# CONSULTATION ON ADMISSIONS POLICY FOR 2021-2022

The Governing Body of the school will be consulting, in conjunction with Lincolnshire County Council, on its plans to slightly reduce the Pupil Admittance Number (PAN) from 128 to 124 from the start of the 2021 academic year for the new Year 7 intake.

A copy of the proposed Admissions Policy for the 2021-2022 academic year can be found on our school website at:

<https://web.kshs.uk/data/website/Information/Policies/KSHS%20Admissions%20Policy%202021-2022%20-%20For%20Consultation.pdf>

The consultation period runs for 6 weeks (as required by the School Admissions Code 2014) from:

9 December 2019 until 20 January 2020.

If you have any comments please send them to: [admissionspolicy@lincolnshire.gov.uk](mailto:admissionspolicy@lincolnshire.gov.uk)



## Spotlight on Sport

### English Schools Football Association – U16 Football Team

The U16 Football team managed to play their round 3 ESFA match against West Bridgford School after it being postponed due to weather and pitch conditions. The conditions still proved difficult but the team were able to play exceptionally well and score in the last few minutes of the game to secure the win.

The team have made it through to the last 32 schools in the country and will play in the fourth round against Sir John Leman High School, Lowestoft.

Good luck to all!

Upcoming Fixtures		
Age Group	Opposition	Date
<b>Futsal</b>		
U13	KSSA Tournament	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December @ Grantham Meres
<b>Volleyball</b>		
U15	KSSA Tournament	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December @ Carre's
<b>Gymnastics</b>		
All years	KSSA	Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> December @ Priory Academy, Grantham

Results				
Age Group	Opposition	Date	Score	Place
<b>Netball</b>				
U14	SNS Plate Competition	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> November @ Carre's	41-25	Won
<b>Football</b>				
U15	Toot Hill	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> November @ home	Postponed	
U16	West Bridgford	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> November @ West Bridgford	1-0	Won
<b>Futsal</b>				
Year 9	KSSA tournament	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November @ St George's Academy	Postponed	
<b>Swimming</b>				
All years	Stamford	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November @ Stamford		2 <sup>nd</sup> place



## Swimming Competition – RCT v Stamford

Swimming with the school was a great opportunity to take part in. We travelled to Stamford School for the competition. There was a high number of students, from a range of year groups, taking part from both schools.

As it was my first time representing the school in swimming, I was extremely nervous; however, lots of people were as well. I felt super proud to represent the Robert Carre Trust. Standing on the edge of the diving block waiting for the race to begin was petrifying but when the race actually started all the nerves went away.

Carre's and KSHS split into 3 different teams and so did Stamford School. There were many races to take part in, they included: 100m IM, 50m freestyle, 50m fly, 50m back stroke, 50m breaststroke, 4 x 25m medley relay and 4 x 25m freestyle relay. I took part in four races and enjoyed them massively!

We all did well, landing brilliant places in most races. After all the races had finished, we found out that we scored a total of 241 points! Unfortunately, a total that was just lower than Stamford's score. However, we all enjoyed it immensely and hope to participate again later in the year.

Madeleine (7MC)



RCT Swimming Team

# GROWTH MINDSET NOMINATIONS

## 11th to 22nd November 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
English	Zofia Aitken	9A	Miss G Walters
English	Millie Cassie	11W	Miss G Walters
English	Charlotte Farrar	10F	Miss G Walters
English	Charlie Koscinski-Drayton	11F	Mr J Cassidy
English	Shelby Ragsdale	9L	Mr J Cassidy
English	Cecilia Ruskin	9L	Mr J Cassidy
English	Natasha Walker	11W	Mr J Cassidy
English	Lauren Whitehead	11W	Miss G Walters
French	Ruby Johnson	10F	Mrs L Samworth
French	Emily	7APO	Mrs L Samworth
Geography	Holly Couchman	9A	Mrs S Livingstone
Geography	Jessica Nunn Wright	10W	Mrs S Livingstone
Geography	Elizabeth Wakefield	10W	Mrs S Livingstone
Geography	Lottie Wells	10W	Mrs S Livingstone
German	Eleanor Brewster	10A	Mr L Rooke
German	Elsa Cullum	9A	Mr L Rooke
German	Alice Davey	7BM	Mrs L Samworth
German	Freya Dinsdale	7BM	Mrs L Samworth
German	Tamsin Dunn	10A	Mr L Rooke
German	Alyssa Farley	9A	Mr L Rooke
German	Amy Fulton	8F	Mr L Rooke
German	Eva Good	8F	Mr L Rooke
German	Lily Gregory	11F	Mr L Rooke
German	Ella Maione	9A	Mr L Rooke
German	Eloise Plummer	10L	Mr L Rooke
German	Bella Sanger-Davies	9W	Mr L Rooke
German	Evie Smith	11W	Mr L Rooke
German	Tabitha Thompson	10W	Mr L Rooke
Mathematics	Jessica Lynch	7DU	Mrs H Renard
Mathematics	Isla McQuade-Smith	7DU	Mrs H Renard
Textiles	Molly Drayton	7BM	Mrs A Hodson