



Useful Dates

1 Feb	Youth Speaks Competition at Priory Ruskin
6 Feb	Year 11 Parents' Evening
12 Feb	Year 8 HPV Vaccinations
13-16 Feb	Year 12 & 13 Art Study Visit to Paris
13-17 Feb	Year 12 & 13 SJSF Iceland Trip
14 Feb	'An Inspector Calls' trip to Nottingham Theatre Royal
14 Feb	LAST DAY OF TERM

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am really proud to share with you the achievements of all our young people in every edition of the newsletter. No more so than in this fortnight's edition when it's clear just how impressively our young people balance their academic studies with their personal and team successes. Our football teams, ably coached and no doubt inspired by Mrs Hunt's success as a player, have proved just how much their training and skill is paying off making them this edition's front page news! Congratulations girls from one very proud Head of School!

Mrs J Smith
Head of School

U15 AND U16 FOOTBALL TEAMS

The U15 and U16 KSHS Girls' Football Teams have taken part in the English Schools Football Association (ESFA) competition again this season.

The U16 team have played a number of local teams within the competition and have also travelled to Nottingham. The culminating match which took them into the last 16 teams left within the competition was against last year's National champions; St Ivo School, Cambridgeshire. After a physical match, KSHS lost 3-0. The girls played exceptionally well throughout the competition – and we go again next year!

The U15 team also played admirably in a variety of matches and made it through to the last 32 teams. They were beaten by St Mary's College, Hull, in their final game 1-0.

Amelia (11W) said *'We really enjoyed playing in this competition. The support from fellow students who came to watch our final match really encouraged us to keep going even when we were losing.'*

Millie (11A) said *'We enjoyed travelling to the away matches, it was a great experience to play at this level. Our final match was really exciting.'*

Captain Abby (10W) said *'We worked hard as a team and are proud of our progress this year – we*

are looking forward to getting bigger and stronger for the competition next year.'

Goalkeeper Lottie (10W) said *'There was some strong competition, we felt we did our best.'*

Well done to all!



Under 15 Football Team



Under 16 Football Team

OXBRIDGE OFFERS

We are delighted that Lucy Freeman in Year 13 is one of five students from Sleaford Joint Sixth Form who have heard that they have conditional offers for the Universities of Cambridge and Oxford.

The students, who had to go through an intensive selection process which included written assessments and interviews, are (from left to right of the photograph):

- Joseph Enright, Carre's Grammar School, Law, Oxford University
- Ellis Collins, Carre's Grammar School, Engineering, Cambridge University
- Lucy Freeman, Kesteven and Sleaford High School, Veterinary Medicine, Cambridge University
- Priya Rose Hall, Carre's Grammar School, History and Politics, Oxford University
- Benson Sands, St George's Academy, Modern and Medieval Languages, Cambridge University

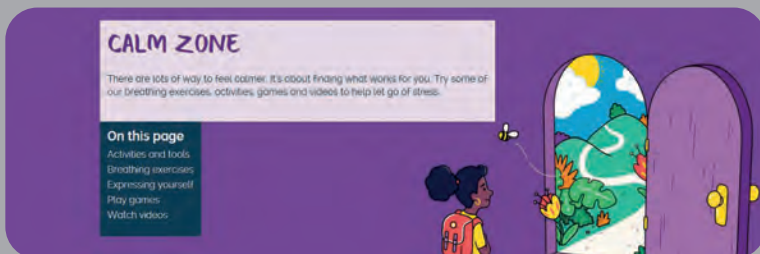
Many of our Year 13 students are hearing back from universities they have applied to with offers which they will need to choose from over the coming few weeks.



Childline - not just a phone call

The Childline website has lots of valuable information, one area you may not have seen is their 'Calm Zone'. The activities aim to help children feel better when they're feeling anxious, scared or sad. Although children could be encouraged to visit the website themselves, these are good techniques for adults to use with children. Ideas include: breathing exercises, a 'let it go' box and creating a 'sense drawer'.

Go to the Childline website here: <https://www.childline.org.uk/toolbox/calm-zone/>



Library News

Reading to educate, understand and develop empathy



This year marks the 75th Anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz Birkenau, and with this in mind the student Library Captains have been busy curating a collection to commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day. Students have sourced a range of fiction and non-fiction that has formed a poignant display to browse or borrow from.

Harrowing subjects can be better understood through reading, with fiction particularly creating greater levels of empathy. Students' learning experiences are enhanced by reading a book, and in our complicated world reading fiction can introduce a student to situations and characters in a more relatable and manageable way; the reader is afforded the luxury of knowing that none of what they are reading is happening directly to them, and although transported to an upsetting situation they may retreat at any time.

The boy in the striped pyjamas by John Boyne is a hugely popular book – aimed at 11-16-year-old readers, it was first published in 2006 and is still regularly borrowed from the KSHS Library. Biographies are also a useful way of learning, and

the diary of a young girl – Ann Frank's unique testimonial, remains one of the most popular and powerful books of all time. Incidentally, it is the most borrowed book in the KSHS Library to date. More recently the Tattooist of Auschwitz by Heather Morris has become an international bestseller, and is a new addition to the school Library.

Having access to a collection of books that reflect the world that we live in is an essential component in helping to educate our students. Testimonies from survivors of the Holocaust remind us all never to forget but to continue to share the truth and educate younger generations so that such atrocities may never be repeated. A good read is not always a comfortable read, but if we learn from the pages we delve into, a read will never be wasted.

Particular thanks go Charlotte (8L), Bianca (8L), Emily (7APO) and Remi (7MC) for their contribution to the display.

Mrs C Gibson
Learning Resource Centre Manager



GROWTH MINDSET NOMINATIONS

13th to 24th January 2020

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	Ella Brincat-Smith	10A	Mrs K Fairhead
Biology	Sophie Newman	10L	Mrs K Fairhead
Biology	Emily Sadler	10L	Mrs K Fairhead
English	India Baldam	8A	Ms A Natley
English	Lexie Blankley	7MC	Miss G Walters
English	Eleanor Burrell	11A	Mr J Cassidy
English	Ellie Carleton	11A	Mrs K Cowell
English	Charlotte Dunham	10A	Ms A Natley
English	Florence Fields	9F	Miss G Walters
English	Erin Freeman	11A	Mrs K Cowell
English	Sophie Lamont	11F	Mr J Cassidy
English	Eloise Plummer	10L	Mr J Cassidy
English	Natalia Pomorska	7APO	Ms A Natley
English	Shelby Ragsdale	9L	Mr J Cassidy
English	Jessica Stephens	11W	Ms A Natley
English	Emma Stinchcombe	11W	Miss G Walters
English	Amy Walsh	10W	Mrs K Cowell
English	Katie Watt	8W	Miss G Walters
Extra-curricular	Anna Harrison	7KDU	Miss K Duffy
Extra-curricular	Evie Sanger-Davies	10W	Miss K Duffy
French	Natalie Burns	10A	Miss A Beckitt
French	Emily Doughty	10A	Miss A Beckitt
French	Jorja Slyfield	11W	Mr A Shivas
French	Jessica Stephens	11W	Mr A Shivas
Geography	Hannah-May Sadler	7APO	Mrs S Livingstone
Psychology	Carla Atkinson	12 SGA	Mrs H Brooks
Psychology	Rachael Brand	13L	Mrs H Brooks
Psychology	Megan Grimmer	13A	Mrs H Brooks
Psychology	Max Harding	12 CGS	Mrs H Brooks



DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

Letters for the Duke of Edinburgh Practice Expeditions at all three levels will be going out very soon.

- * Saturday 7 March Bronze Kit Day at KSHS
- * Monday 9 March Deadline for Bronze Practice paperwork
- * Saturday 14 March Bronze Year 10 Boys & Silver Kit Day @ KSHS
- * Monday 16 March Deadline for Silver Practice paperwork
- * Saturday 21 March D of E Drop-In Day at Northgate Sports Hall – for any D of E student to come with or without parents to work on eDofE; route cards and menu/kit planning or to catch up on missed training
- * Monday 23 March Deadline for Gold Practice paperwork

Mrs M Walker
Duke of Edinburgh Award Co-ordinator

Spotlight on Sport



Year 8 Futsal

Congratulations to the Year 8 Futsal team who won their tournament against the other schools within the Kesteven Schools Sports Association (KSSA).



Year 8 Futsal Team

County Cross Country



A number of students took part in the County Schools Cross Country Championships on Saturday 18th January at Burghley House, Stamford.

The weather was exceptionally cold and the course proved to be challenging. All runners represented the school admirably. Well done to Lottie Wells, Ella Marshall, Millie Pepper, Hannah Speight, Maddie Banks and Anna Harrison.

Huge congratulations to Poppy Purbrick who came 3rd and will represent the County at the Anglian Schools Championships in Boston.

Student Sporting Success – Cyclo-Cross Georgia Lancaster (10F)



It has been a tough season with illness and injury however by training around it and pushing hard in the races I still managed to come joint 1st in the Cyclo-Cross Lincolnshire trophy league. I am now looking to prepare myself for a training camp to the Alps in May for Triathlon which will include both biking and running up the Alps and swimming in lake Annecy.

Results			Score	Place
Age Group	Opposition	Date		
Cross Country				
County Competition	County zones	Saturday 18 th January @ Burghley House, Stamford		Poppy Purbrick (Year 7) qualified for the Anglian Schools Championships
Football				
U16	St Ivo School, Huntingdon	Thursday 16 th January @ Carre's Grammar School	0-3	Lost
U15	St Mary's College, Hull	Friday 17 th January @ St Mary's College	0-1	Lost
U12	St George's	Wednesday 15 th January @ St George's	1-1	Lost on penalties
Futsal				
Yr8	KSSA Tournament	Thursday 16 th January @ St George's		Won
Yr7	KSSA Tournament	Tuesday 21st January @ St George's	Lost in semi-final	3rd

Upcoming Fixtures		
Age Group	Opposition	Date
Cross Country		
Anglian Schools Championships	Anglian Schools	Saturday 1 st February @ Witham Park, Boston
Volleyball		
U16	KSSSA tournament	Monday 3 rd February @ Carre's Grammar School
Dodgeball		
Yr 8	KSSSA tournament	Wednesday 5th February @ Carre's Grammar School





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TEACHER OF ENGLISH
Full Time – September 2020

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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
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- * 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: Monday 3 February 2020 (noon)

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TEACHER OF BUSINESS STUDIES
Part Time 0.7–0.8 FTE – September 2020

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ASSOCIATE ASSISTANT HEADTEACHER
Permanent Full Time – Easter or September 2020
L10–L14

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The successful candidate will:

- * be an outstanding teacher
- * be a successful leader who develops high performing teams
- * be able to inspire, support and challenge staff and students
- * be ready for the challenges of whole school leadership, balancing those demands with subject area or pastoral responsibility

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The North Kesteven Snowdrop Event

Date: **Sunday 9 February 2020**

Time: **between 12 and 3pm**

Where: **Whisby Nature Park**

Come along and plant a Snowdrop to remember those loved ones that are no longer with us.

The event is to give people the chance to remember someone who has died and raise funds for bereaved families.

The event is in aid of Child Bereavement UK.

The charity supports families and educates professionals when a baby or child of any age dies or is dying, or when a child is facing bereavement.

It trains 7,000 people a year to help them better understand the needs of grieving families.

For more information please email partnershipsteam@n-kesteven.gov.uk



A small donation to the charity will give you a snowdrop to plant in a specified area of remembrance.

www.facebook.com/SnowdropWalk