



## Useful Dates

22 - 31 Mar	Year 11 Mock Exams
22 - 26 Mar	Year 13 Mock Exams
31 Mar	Last day of Term 4
19 Apr	First day of Term 5
20 Apr	Year 10 Maximise Your Potential
23 Apr	DofE Year 9 Training walk and overnight

Dear Parent/Carer

At the end of the first full week back with students its lovely to be able to celebrate some of their achievements with you and keep you up to date with the week's events in school via our usual newsletter.

In Lockdown every school has needed to communicate in a more electronic way. We've learnt about Teams for lessons and work setting, School Cloud for parents evening and we have also tried to reinvigorate our Twitter feed. If you subscribe to Twitter please do follow us at @KSHSSA or search for Kesteven and Sleaford High School. Whilst our bi-monthly newsletters will continue Twitter just provides us with another way of sharing with you daily life at the School in all its technicolour!



Mrs J Smith  
Head of School

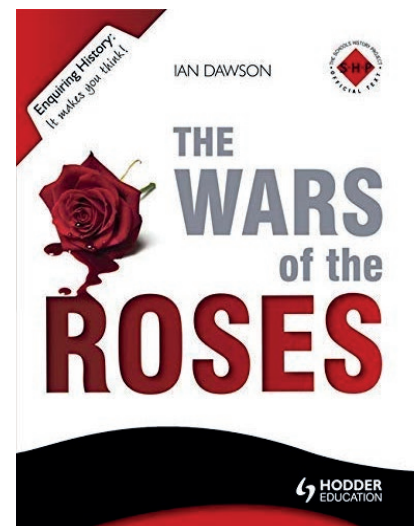
## Ian Dawson, Historian, Speaks to Year 13 History Students

On Wednesday 20 January 2021, Year 13 History students were given the opportunity to hear Ian Dawson, a historian lecturer, on the War of the Roses. Ian Dawson's lecture was about Why was Richard III unable to secure his hold on the crown? He explained a range of factors to the students and emphasised the main reasons for his demise. This was a brilliant way for students to revise and recall a previous topic they have studied. Ian Dawson also provided the students with an individual, John Hoton from the 1480s, that they could relate to and could follow the story of a man who benefitted from Richard of Gloucester's usurpation of Edward V. This personal element provided students with the opportunity to bring History alive. Ian Dawson is the author of one of the core textbooks that is used in school and this experience was a privilege for them. He will be doing a lecture for Year 12 students later this year.

Mrs E Constantine  
Teacher of History

Why was Richard III  
unable to secure his hold  
on the crown?

Ian Dawson



# Year 8 Virtual Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) Day

Our annual STEM day looked a little different this year! STEM days at KSHS are a fantastic way for students to get hands on with various activities and learn about where a career in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Maths) could take them.

The MEP (Marine Engineers Pathways), Newcastle University, and the RAF were all able to provide virtual workshops for the whole of Year 8 on the 4 March. Workshops included “Girls in STEM”, “24 hours in A & E”, “Paper build challenge”, “Colourful Chemistry”, “STEM in the RAF” and “Marvellous Maps”.

Students were able to learn about careers as well as get hands-on in some building challenges, such as building trebuchets with everyday household items. One of the many fantastic builds is shown in the image.

Next year we hope to be able to welcome our guests in to school for a similar event.

Students still wishing to get involved can, by entering the poster competition. This year’s poster competition is to produce a poster about ‘innovating for the future’. Students can hand their completed poster to their Science teacher, by Friday 30 April, for a chance of winning a prize. The poster can also be entered into the national competition for even bigger prizes.

This is open to Years 7-9, students can ask their form tutor for further information or follow this link

<https://www.britishscienceweek.org/plan-your-activities/poster-competition/>

Mr S Norris

Teacher of Physics and STEM Leader RCT



## KSHS Equestrian Team



We now have 10 riders registered with NSEA as part of the equestrian team. Of those 10, Eve Corrigan took part in the pop up dressage and four riders took part in the eventer trial at Epworth - Lucy Adams in the 70/80cm individual and a team of Toria Robinson, Hope Mussell and Amelie Pugh finished a credible 6th in the 90cm event.

We have entered a team of riders for the Schools National Dressage qualifier, this is a virtual event and the girls have been very busy recording their Dressage tests for judging.

The next live event is the national showjumping qualifier at Epworth in April. This qualifies for the finals at the prestigious Hickstead showground.

If any other riders in school would be interested in joining the equestrian team please contact me, Julie Corrigan on 07977 121731 for details.

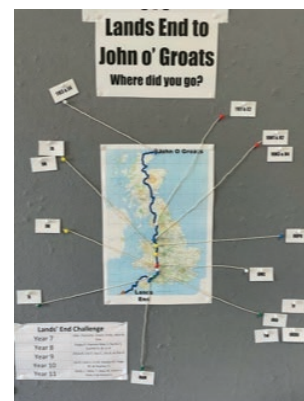
# Spotlight on Sport PE Lockdown Challenges

Students were set a series of individual and team challenges to take part in during the lockdown period as part of their Physical Education Curriculum.

Challenges started with a Lands End to John O'Groats team challenge - students had two weeks to put their exercise distances together and determine how far they got towards John O'Groats from their starting point of Lands End.

Well done to 11E3 and 11E4 who completed the challenge.

The team of staff also took part in the challenge. Well done to Mr Stone who completed the most miles.



<b>Lands' End Challenge</b>	
Year 7	Libbi, Charlotte, Grace, Emily, Alice & Evie
Year 8	Poppy, Hannah-May, Rachel, Scarlett & Liv
Year 9	Olivia, Lily, Issy, Lily, & Ellie
Year 10	Isla, Julia, Liv, Maddy, Paige & Heather
Year 11	Molly, Tabby, Abby, Jessie, Ruby & Amelia

<b>Step Challenge</b>	
Year 7	Katy
Year 8	Sophie
Year 9	Tahlia
Year 10	Emma
Year 11	Samia

<b>Burpee Challenge</b>	
Year 7	Emma
Year 8	Maddy
Year 9	Rebecca
Year 10	Holly
Year 11	Ella

<b>Wall Toss Challenge</b>	
Year 7	Merry
Year 8	Willow
Year 9	Olivia
Year 10	Annie

<b>Press up Challenge</b>	
Year 7	Heidi, Holly, Aditi & Tia
Year 8	Denisa, Imogen, Jannine, Issie, Sophie, & Daisy
Year 9	Eve, Keira, Tabitha, Anya, Grace & Katie
Year 10	Freya, Maddy, Grace, Holly, Mia & Tilly
Year 11	Molly, Tabby, Abby, Jessie, Ruby & Amelia

<b>Super Squat Challenge</b>	
Year 7	Sophie, Zahra, Jordane, Eva, Elsie & Poppy
Year 8	Sophie, Alice, Lauren, Rosie, Rianna & Liv
Year 9	Sophie, Annie, Hope, Katherine, Lily & Tahlia
Year 10	Isla, Julia, Liv, Maddy, Paige & Heather

# Student Lockdown Challenges

During Lockdown 3 students were set various challenges. Winners were awarded 50 House Points, runners up 25 or 15 accordingly.



**Book Bingo Winners**  
Emma, Remi and Martha



**Book Bingo Winners:**  
Emma 7A  
Remi 8MC  
Martha 9W  
**Runners up:**  
Emma 9L  
Phoebe 12L



**Land Art Winner:**  
Florence 7L  
**Runner up:**  
Abi 7W



**Spaghetti Bridge Winner:**  
Imogen 8APO  
**Runners up:**  
Marith 8KDU  
Jessica 8KDU  
Constance 7L  
Chloe 7W  
Evie 7W



**Floating Boats Winner:**  
Millie  
Niamh  
Lily - all 9L  
**Runners up:**  
Holly 7L  
Felicity 7F  
Tabitha 7A



**Store cupboard cook off Winners:**  
Imogen 8APO  
Samantha 7F



**Runners up:**  
Orla 7F  
Ola 7W  
Jess 10F



**STEM Cake Winner:**  
Beatrice 7L  
**Runner up:**  
Evie 7L

**Land Art: Other Entries**

Abi 7W Runner Up

Emily

Aditi 7L

Lottie

Thank you for all of the great entries

Mrs B Fleming  
House Co-ordinator

# LIBRARY NEWS



*“Reading is an exercise in empathy; an exercise in walking in someone else’s shoes for a while.”*

Malorie Blackman

The library is once again fully open and welcoming our students for book borrowing, reading, independent study and homework club. In a busy first week back, it has been heartening to see so many students happily browsing and borrowing physical books and enjoying the library environment once more.

Throughout lockdown the library continued to give remote support to students; regular book chatter amongst our community of book worms ensured that the enthusiasm and enjoyment the school normally has for reading was maintained. Less confident readers were also supported with individual book recommendations and tips on how to develop and maintain a good reading for pleasure routine. The Ebook App has been a vital resource providing continued access to books for those students unable to get hold of physical books, and the Book Bingo Challenge was a popular online activity that encouraged reading beyond normal comfort zones and genres.

There are some fantastic new titles added to the collection whilst students have been learning from home, including twenty titles from the 2021 longlisted Carnegie & Kate Greenaway Children’s Book Awards. It is vital that our school collection provides an up to date range of fiction and non-fiction and alongside a back catalogue of classic fiction and curriculum supported texts, the school library must always strive to curate a diverse and inclusive range of titles that reflect and introduce our students to a world beyond their own. International Women’s Day has been the perfect opportunity to celebrate this by highlighting a range of books that support pioneers, innovators, and female authors both historical and contemporary.

The complete school library catalogue may be viewed remotely or in school via the student online learning link on the school website; Eclipse is the library management system we use and it allows students to see which books are available in the library, the latest arrivals, book of the week, or to catch up on library news and reviews - all of which can be useful for students when planning what to read next or searching for books to support their learning.

Finally, a reminder that students may once again access the library for homework club after school.

**Monday - Thursday until 5pm and Friday until 4.30pm.**

Mrs C Gibson

Learning Resources Centre Manager

## Get recycling!

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Hello, we are from the Year 10 School Council, and we want to help our school become even more focussed on the environment. We wanted to help make the school a cleaner and more environmentally friendly community and recycling is the easiest way to start. To support this, we came up with the idea of putting more recycling bins around the school, along with more educational posters about the topic. We would like to have more recycling bins outside but before we do this, we are aware that pupils all over the school are not recycling properly in their classrooms and form room, with rubbish being put in incorrect bins. Therefore, before we invest money into new outside bins, we would like to encourage our students to use the bins in the classroom correctly.

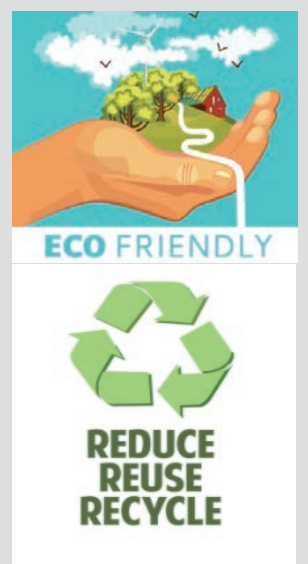
To help us reach our goal of getting the new bins for outside, we are going to put posters above the classroom recycling bins to show what can and can’t go in it. We are also going to provide more helpful information during form time about how to use the blue bins in the classroom correctly and how students can help support the school in becoming an even more environmentally friendly environment in the future. To help us with this please see below what can go in the blue classroom recycling bins and what can’t.

Zofia and Sophie

Student Council members

**In!**  
Paper  
Cardboard  
Greeting cards  
Newspaper  
Wrapping paper  
Yoghurt pots  
Plastic bottles  
Plastic food trays  
Glass bottles and jars

**Out!**  
Books  
Blue paper towel  
Kitchen roll  
Carrier bags  
Clingfilm  
Crisp packets  
Foil pouches



# NCS

## SUMMER 21

**National Citizen Service (NCS) is an opportunity that helps 16-17 year olds build skills for work and life, embark on new challenges, meet new people and contribute to your local community.**

### **NCS SUMMER**

We'll help them realise that big, exciting things can come from feeling a little bit overwhelmed! We want them to know how incredible they are and show the world and themselves, exactly what they're made of!

NCS can boost their CVs, college applications and UCAS statements, showing that they have a wider range of skills and experience.

### **WHAT IS IT?**

The NCS programme is an outlet for your teenager to come out of their comfort zone and take on new challenges. Your teen will have the chance to stay away from home\* and learn new skills to increase their independence.

### **WHY ARE WE TELLING YOU THIS?**

NCS will be presenting to your teen to let them know what NCS is all about and give them the opportunity to take part in this life changing programme.

### **We will be talking to your teen virtually:**

**SCHOOL:** Kesteven and Sleaford High School

**DATE:** 6pm Wed 24 Mar 21



# IF YOU NEED SUPPORT TO APPLY TO THE EU SETTLEMENT SCHEME HELP IS AVAILABLE IN THE SLEAFORD AREA



The deadline for the scheme is the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021 but it is worth applying as soon as possible.

Contact Citizens Advice South Lincolnshire by email or phone:

Email: [eussreferral@citizensadvicesouthlincs.org.uk](mailto:eussreferral@citizensadvicesouthlincs.org.uk)

Freephone: 0800 448 0734

Or check out our website: [www.citizensadvicesouthlincs.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvicesouthlincs.org.uk), click the Advice, Projects and Services tab and then select European Union Settlement Scheme

CASL can provide free support and advice for your application to the EU Settlement Scheme