



Useful Dates

26-27 April	Year 12 Formal Assessments
3 May	Bank Holiday
8 May	DofE Year 9 Girls Bronze Training Walk
9 May	DofE Year 9 Boys Bronze Training Walk

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to our first newsletter of the Summer Term. I hope you enjoyed a restful Easter Break. You'll have seen that the government are still recommending students wear masks in schools until they review this again on 17 May but I am delighted to report (with my fingers tightly crossed) that we have had no reported positive Covid cases in school since our return on 8 March. We are really grateful to parents/carers who have supported the schools lateral flow testing programme and to the few who have needed to keep their child off school for self-isolation purposes. A significant number of staff in school have now received their first vaccination and whilst we are by no means complacent, and all the safety precautions we have had in

place since reopening are still currently in place, we are excited from next week to reintroduce sports and music clubs and activities at breaktimes and after school and will look to introduce other year based clubs soon too. Do encourage your daughter to take advantage.

Mrs J Smith
Head of School

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE)

I am thrilled with the commitment and diligence shown by the students registered for DofE this year. They have continued to work remotely gathering evidence for their Volunteering, Physical and Skills sections even though some of their activities have ceased and they have had to change mid-way through their timescales. It never ceases to amaze me how much adaptability and drive our young people have even in the face of adversity. Well Done to you all!

I have listed the dates below for the expeditions after the Easter break:

Bronze

Y9 Day Walk - Sat 8 May

Y10 Assessed Expedition with Silver Practice - Travel 21 May - Expedition 22-23 May

Y11 Assessed Expedition with Silver Practice - Travel 11 June - Expedition 12-13 June

Y9 Assessed Expedition - 19-20 June

Silver

Y10 Assessed Expedition - 3-5 July

Y12 Assessed Expedition with Gold Practice - Travel 16 July-Expedition 17-19 July - Return 20 July

Y11 Assessed Expedition - 24-26 July

Gold

Y13 Assessed Expedition - Travel 16 July - Expedition 17-20 July

I hope to see as many of these young people completing their expeditions as possible and remember I am here in support of those completing their Certificate of Achievement as well.

Mrs M Walker
DofE Award Co-ordinator



Young Carers

On Tuesday 16 March we spent time in our assembly celebrating Young Carers as part of a nationwide day of action. Within our school community we have a number of students who are young carers. A young carer is defined as somebody who has a caring responsibility at home. This could involve many things from helping parents/carers with personal care; household chores; looking after siblings among many other things. Obviously with extra responsibilities in the home young carers can be more at risk of having difficulties with their schoolwork as the demands on their time can be significant.



Thanks to the support of the PTA and three local businesses (Bobby's Sweet Temptations; AllmyHeART & Momma T's Fudge Kitchen) we were able to give each of our young carers a small gift to let them know how much we appreciate them!

As a school we want to ensure we support all of our students and in particular those who are young carers. This gift was a good way to recognise them and celebrate them.

If your child fulfils caring responsibilities at home and we don't know about it we would love to hear from you so that we can provide any support you may require.

Mr A Shivas

Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) Co-ordinator



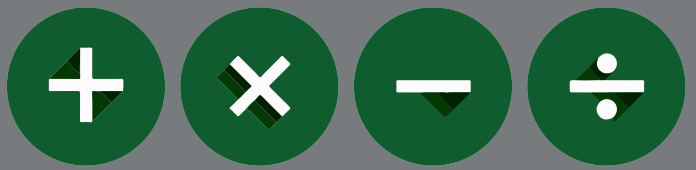
Millions of children in England are going to be given the chance to tell the government what their childhoods look like.

'The Big Ask' will find out from children what life is like for them, what hopes and aspirations they have for the future and what challenges they face in reaching their goals.

The survey is being led by the Children's Commissioner for England Dame Rachel de Souza, who thinks it is important to look at the impact of the coronavirus pandemic of children's lives.

The survey will run from 19 April to 19 May and to help our students complete the survey, an assembly will be delivered to them to explain what it is all about. Further detail will then be sent out in the next newsletter about how students can take part and a link provided so that they can access the survey.

Maths Challenge



The Intermediate Mathematical Challenge is a 60-minute, multiple-choice competition aimed at students across the UK. It encourages mathematical reasoning, precision of thought, and fluency in using basic mathematical techniques to solve interesting problems. The problems on the Intermediate Mathematical Challenge are designed to make students think. Most are accessible, yet still challenge those with more experience.

69 pupils across Years 9 to 11 participated in this year's competition online in February and can now access their results by logging in to challenges.ukmt.org.uk. This is a great opportunity to see which questions they got right and how many points were received in total. This year the certificate thresholds were 86+ Gold, 68+ Silver, 55+ Bronze. Well done to everyone who participated; you will all be receiving your certificates shortly. We are incredibly pleased that 14 pupils will receive Bronze Certificates and Hunter Edwards-Stuart will receive a Silver Certificate. Congratulations to Samia Khan, (Best in Year, Year 11), Holly

Couchman (Best in Year, Year 10) and Hunter Edwards-Stuart (Best in School and Best in Year, Year 9). Hunter, along with Lola Booth have both been invited to participate in the follow up Grey Kangaroo round - a massive well done to both pupils for this achievement!

All pupils from Years 7 and 8 will be invited to participate in the Junior Mathematical Challenge online at home the week commencing Monday 26 April with all relevant information delivered to pupils beforehand. We wish them all the very best of luck and look forward to more well-deserved success.

Mrs K Brown
Second in Mathematics



Year 11 and 13 exam grading

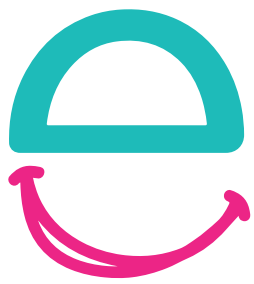


On Wednesday we updated Year 11 and Year 13 on the arrangements for teachers arriving at their final grades. Please do invite them to share the email they have all received with you: you may like to look at this link too

<https://www.jcq.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/JCQ-Guidance-for-Students-and-Parents-on-Summer-2021.pdf>.

All students will be told by their teachers what evidence will be used to arrive at their final grade in each subject and students have been encouraged to share any queries or concerns if they have any (and haven't already raised them) before our Grade Validating Assessments (GVAs) are undertaken from 10 May onwards. Remember these assessments are a chance for students to validate and/or improve on their existing grades. Students must make sure they are available to attend these assessments and we urge you to avoid booking any medical appointments for example for this period. The GVAs will largely take place in the weeks beginning 10 and 17 May but some will inevitably run into the following week beginning 24 May and all students must be available that week too.

You may be aware from media reports that on 19 April the exam boards made the additional assessment materials most schools will use, in some format, publicly. Whilst many of us have questioned the sense of this what is certainly true is that would not have been possible to keep exam board assessment materials secure and that it is fairest to all students nationally if they are available to view on the exam board websites rather than being shared over social media as would inevitably happen. Again KSHS students will be given clear instructions on the content they will be assessed on in May and we will share the schedule for those assessments with students and parents/carers shortly.



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Kesteven & Sleaford High School is now registered with easyfundraising, which means you can raise donations for us every time you shop online. Over 4,000 shops and sites will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them at no extra cost to yourself.

These donations really mount up and would make a big difference to us, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us. You can find our easyfundraising page at <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/kshs/>

PTA Uniform Shop – Now Open



We are pleased to announce that our online, Pre-Loved uniform shop is now open. Our stock list is updated regularly, and orders can be placed via email, please visit:
<https://padlet.com/Uniform/Uniformlink>

A link to our stock list will also be available from the Uniform page of the school website.

All proceeds from our Pre-Loved Uniform sales go directly towards supporting our school and students through the PTA.

Please consider donating used, yet still usable uniform to the PTA. All items of uniform that are clean, in good condition and of the current pattern (apart from socks and tights) are welcomed.

Items can be donated by depositing them in the uniform hamper located in M4 (Textiles) before Registration or during Break 2.

Please follow the email link on Padlet site for details of how to donate uniform.

We politely request that items are washed before donation as we have no central washing facility.

Mrs B Fleming
PTA Co-ordinator

Erratum

The piece of challenge work labelled with 'Florence 7L' in our last newsletter actually belongs to Holly in 7L. Well done Holly!



School Uniform Years 7 - 11

Item	Style	Colour
Blazer	School blazer with badge	Green
Skirt	School pleated skirt	Tartan
Trousers	Tailored	Plain grey
Jumper	V-neck	Black
Shirt	Long sleeved with collar	White
Summer blouse	Short sleeved, with logo, open neck	White
Tie	School tie	Green
Shoes	Sensible, low heel, not sling back	Black
Tights	Opaque	Black or green
Socks		Green
Bag		

Uniform is available at:

- Uniform Direct, 333 High Street, Lincoln, LN5 7DQ - Tel: 01522 510016
www.uniform-direct.com and Dixon House, Dixon Way, Lincoln LN6 7XN.
- SJB Uniforms, 2 Market Street, Sleaford, NG34 7SF - Tel: 01529 400429
www.SJB-Uniforms.co.uk

ALL ITEMS OF INDOOR AND OUTDOOR UNIFORM MUST BE CLEARLY MARKED WITH THE OWNER'S NAME



School Run Safety



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LRSP Education Team update

Traffic around schools has become heavy again recently as schools have returned to normal. Many parents are opting to drive their children to school rather than walking or cycling.

All pupils and parents should be able to safely walk or cycle to and from school if they so choose to. The majority of people drive and park considerably and carefully around schools, however we would like to remind those who may have forgotten or are unsure of the rules.



School Keep Clear Zig Zags (Rule 238 of Highway Code)

The purpose of the markings is to keep school entrances clear to allow all pupils to arrive safely. Drivers should never stop on them, even to drop off or pick up passengers.

Yellow lines (Rule 238 of Highway Code)

Yellow lines are in place for the safety of all road and pavement users.

Remember double yellow lines mean no waiting or parking at any time, including when dropping off and picking up children.

Single yellow lines have the same restrictions within the times indicated on the nearby plate.



School Crossing Patrols

They are employed by Lincolnshire County Council to safely cross children and parents.

Please ensure that you don't park too close to the patrols. This would block their view of the road, also preventing other drivers from seeing the patrol waiting to step out and stop the traffic.

We also ask that you follow instructions given by School Crossing Patrols to drivers and pedestrians.

School Crossing Patrols have the legal right to stop traffic; if they instruct you to stop you must stop.

(Rule 243 taken from the Highway Code)

DO NOT stop or park:

- near a school entrance
- anywhere you would prevent access for Emergency Services
- at or near a bus or tram stop or taxi rank
- on the approach to a level crossing/tramway crossing
- opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space
- near the brow of a hill or hump bridge
- opposite a traffic island or (if this would cause an obstruction) another parked vehicle
- where you would force other traffic to enter a tram lane
- where the kerb has been lowered to help wheelchair users and powered mobility vehicles
- in front of an entrance to a property
- on a bend
- where you would obstruct cyclists' use of cycle facilities (except when forced to do so by stationary traffic.)

**OBSERVE THE [HIGHWAY CODE](#)
PLEASE PARK AND DRIVE CONSIDERATELY
AROUND SCHOOLS.**

Thank you to all parents and carers who are putting the safety of all children first when travelling to and from schools.

You can contact Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership Education team on **01522 805800** or at Staying.alive@lincolnshire.gov.uk

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Ready to get active again after lockdown?

Keen to play sport again with friends?

Join one of the PE clubs that are available now! Please bring boots as well as trainers in case we need them for the field – this is also needed for tennis in case the courts are too wet.

Clubs identified in Red to begin at the start of Term 6

	Break 1	Break 2	3.40-4.30pm	3.40-4.30pm
Day			Club – Staff 1	Club – Staff 2
Monday	Y10 Wellbeing Mrs Hunt		Y10 GCSE Practical Mrs McGann/Mrs Hunt Y7 Yoga	Y7 & Y8 Multi-sports Mrs Stacey
Tuesday		Y7 & Y8 Dance Mrs McGann	Y9 & Y10 Rounders Mrs Hunt	Y7 & Y8 Tennis Miss Machin
Wednesday		Y9 Track Mrs McGann	Y7 & Y8 Rounders Mrs McGann	Y9 & Y10 Tennis Miss Machin
Thursday		Y8 Track Mrs Stacey	Y9 & Y10 Wellbeing Mrs McGann	All Years Athletics Mrs Hunt & Mrs Stacey
Friday	Y7 Track Miss Machin		Staff Wellbeing Group	

