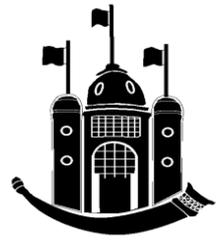




SIXTH FORM NEWS



APRIL 2019

WELCOME to our Sixth Form News, a quick round up of events and information relevant to our Sixth Form students and parents.

U6 STOP THE CLOCK DAYS –Following their mock exams, all U6 students have all had the opportunity to chat to a senior member of staff about their results, the last few months of school, revision, university and college applications or employment plans. Our independent careers advisor, John Ambrose is available to meet students who are unsure of their next steps. Mr Randman, their academic tutor and Form Tutors are also available.

STUDY LEAVE – The start of A levels has been brought forward a week this year meaning the last day of normal school for U6 students will be **Friday 17 May**. After the 17th, students may come in to school to revise if they wish but are not expected in. Those who do choose to come to school should sign in at Main Reception. On the last day we'll hold our usual Big Breakfast with Form Tutors in the morning and then, after the traditional lunch-time rounders match, we'll have a picnic in the Sixth Form Garden. Fingers crossed for good weather.

UNIVERSITY APPLICATIONS - With the publication of their mock results, Upper Sixth are now in a stronger position to see their current progress against their university offers. Student Finance England is now accepting applications and U6 had a presentation from Mr Randman briefly describing the application process. The following link will take you to the website. [Apply for Student Finance](#)

L6 REPORTS AND PARENTS' EVENING - L6 reports were issued on Tuesday 2 April and students have been collecting appointments with their subject teachers for L6 Parents' Evening on Thursday 4 April. Students are expected to attend with parents/carers. We look forward to receiving back the report response slips to hear your views. These should be given to Form Tutors in the first instance.

L6 GCSE REVISION MENTORING – We are proud of our team of L6 revision mentors (led by Max Gowshall of U6) who recently finished their Saturday mornings at Banovallum School. Sixth Formers led GCSE revision sessions with Year 11 students from both schools. Staff were on hand during these sessions but the revision was organised and led by L6 students and was well received by Y11s.

LOWER SIXTH – UCAS HIGHER EDUCATION CONVENTION - On Wednesday 27 March we took all L6 students to the UCAS Higher Education Convention at the University of Lincoln. Most universities had a stand offering their prospectus and there were people to talk to offering advice on entry requirements and university life. There were also stands on apprenticeships and the Forces.

PEER LISTENERS – L6 students are being invited to join the ranks of Peer Listeners. Peer Listeners give up their time to be on hand to chat to students lower down the school who have worries. The school is grateful for the support the Peer Listeners give to younger students.

EPQ (EXTENDED PROJECT QUALIFICATION) – EPQs are all done and marked. The subjects have varied tremendously from earthquake resistant buildings to how social media affects politics. Although a lot of work, the EPQ has, once again, given students the chance to research their own area of interest and to learn/apply skills that will be of benefit in the future. Some students have enjoyed the experience, others found it a lot harder and more time consuming than they expected.

NEXT STEPS FOR STUDY – A representative from Bishop Grosseteste University (BGU) came into school recently and led a session looking at how to research university courses with a critical eye. Our final ‘step’ of the project will be a day at BGU on 9 July.

LIFE SKILLS – U6 students have had a short session of lessons we’ve called ‘Life Skills’. Led by Mrs Lilliman, students have been given a crash course in cooking healthy and hearty meals on a budget. Students ended their session of lessons with a recipe booklet that included soups, pasta bakes and breakfast muffins. We can recommend the root vegetable soup!

ACADEMIA - The second edition of our academic journal, QEGS Academia has been published and this time we have contributions from Chris Bargh (History), Viv Bone (Film), Christian James (football analysis), Matthew Jeffries (English Literature), Emily Kirkman (Maths) and Matthew Waters (Physics). Copies have been distributed around school and the local area. If you would like a copy, please email us.

LSST OXBRIDGE CONFERENCE – Mr Bouic took a party of L6 students to LSST in Lincoln to listen to presentations about applying to Oxford and Cambridge. This event aimed to raise awareness amongst Lincolnshire students of the opportunities available at Oxford and Cambridge universities and staff and students from both universities spoke about applications and personal statement and some subjects. We have had contact from former students at Cambridge who have offered to come in to talk to L6 in the summer term.

U6 GEOLOGY FIELD TRIP –Dr Aggett, Head of Geology, led the U6 Geology students (and Mrs Bourn) on a field trip to the North Yorkshire coast where they spent three days unravelling the geology of the area and working out what North Yorkshire would have looked like during the Jurassic Period. The weather was kind; dry and sunny – last year the trip was cancelled due to snow. The Whitby youth hostel, up by the abbey, was warm with plenty of cooked breakfasts and hot puddings! The group is shown below and also pictured, Dr Aggett and George with the find of the trip – George’s ammonite.



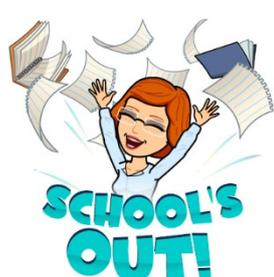
YOUNG FARMER – Congratulations to Rosie Finney (U6) who has been voted Young Farmer of the Year for the East Midlands.

SPRING CONCERT - As always, the Sixth Form students were excellent role models for the younger students at our Spring Concert, helping Mrs Addis and Mrs Brown and participating in various groups and taking many solo or lead parts. We've added a picture of Enny at the side as she was missing from the group shot.



SPORTS JOURNALISM – U6 student, Christian James, is hoping to make sports journalism his career. He already writes articles for Boston United's match programmes and is now having match reports published in the national Non-League paper which has a weekly circulation of over 25,000. Follow him on Twitter @bostonutdstats.

FINALLY, A FOND FAREWELL FROM MRS BOURN



After 13 wonderful years, I will be stepping down as Sixth Form Administrator in early May. I'm not going far – I am staying in the 'family' of the school as Clerk to Horncastle Education Trust. I've thoroughly enjoyed working with the Sixth Formers and I am very proud that many still keep in touch with me and refer to me as their 'Sixth Form Mum'. My desk is in the common room so I get to hear the laughter, the arguments and listen to the music, some of which I enjoy! Every year group has been different – some have more 'characters' than others - but each has been equally lovely to get to know. I now need to be able to travel to the States during term time and the opportunity to stay at QEGS in a more flexible role is perfect for me although I will miss the company of the students. Our new Sixth

Form Administrator, Mrs Darwin, will join us after Easter. I know the students will offer her any help she needs. I wish all students every success and will follow Sixth Form activities (and antics) from the Trust offices over the road, just far enough away from the music!

SIXTH FORM DIARY DATES

- 5 April (Fri) – End of Term
- 23 April (Tues) – Summer Term 1 starts
- 6 May (Mon) – Bank Holiday
- 17 May (Fri) – U6 last day
- 24 May (Fri) – End of term.
- 3 June (Mon) – Summer Term 2 starts

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