



Weekly Bulletin

8th January 2021

Firstly we would like to say thank you for your support this week. We are very pleased how this first week has gone with remote lessons and how students and staff have embraced 'live' lessons via Teams. We are always delighted to hear from parents with feedback and this week we shared some lovely positive messages with all staff. Thank you from SGS!

Our staff are so positive about how our students have coped and engaged with their lessons, it just shows the level of resilience and strong teacher-student relationships we have at SGS.

Instead of our weekly newsletter, we have decided to circulate a weekly summary to keep in touch and share the good news and important notices. We will try and limit the amount of messages we send, but there may be urgent items during the week that we need to bring to your attention.

Please see below for this weeks notices.

Mr Endersbee-Home Study Guide and Further Support

To support students and families through the home study period, we have updated our Home Study Guide (see attached). We have also uploaded this to the ['communications'](#) section of the website, where you can find other information and support for online learning.

PFA Virtual Quiz

Just one week to go until the first PFA Quiz since lockdown – via the brave new virtual world. The quiz takes place via a Zoom meeting – log on and other details are given in the advert attached. There are only 100 spaces in the quiz – so arrive early to avoid disappointment!

Best Wishes

Mr DM Endersbee

Assistant Headteacher

Mr Brooks-Attendance and Illness

Attendance & Illness

Further to the letter that Mr Wilkinson sent out regarding the issuing of a Go4Schools entry if a student fails to attend a lesson I would just like to clarify a few queries that we have had.

- In order to prevent the need for a negative point to be issued if your child is ill on a school day please can you follow the normal procedure of phoning the school and informing us of the illness. This information will then be passed on to the class teacher so they are aware of the students absence from their lesson.
- The reason for allocating a negative point for a student not attending a lesson is that it is the most efficient way for a teacher to inform you as a parent that a lesson has been missed. The negative point triggers an automated email to you at the end of the day alerting you that a G4S entry has been issued and this allows you to investigate the reason further.
- At the end of the lockdown we will remove all of these specific negative points from a students record and it will not have a negative impact on their end of year total.
- If your child is having a 'one off' problem logging onto a lesson if they can either use a 'post' on Teams or an email directly to their teacher to inform them that there is a legitimate reason for the 'one-off' absence from that particular lesson this will eliminate the need for a G4S entry to be issued.
- If there is an on-going issue regarding technology:
 - If it is a connection issue (Internet, WiFi etc) in the first instance please contact your internet provider as they may be able to support.
 - If this does not solve the problem then please contact the school at Communications@spaldinggrammar.lincs.sch.uk as we may be able to support with the loan of one of the limited number of 4g routers that we have been issued by the government.
 - If your child is struggling to connect to the lessons on a regular basis due to the device that they are using again please use the Communications@spaldinggrammar.lincs.sch.uk email so we can discuss possible solutions.
 - Finally, the government have classed 'being unable to access remote learning' as one of the criteria for students to come into school where we will be able to provide the environment and facilities to allow your child to access all of their lessons remotely using a school computer. If this is the case then please email me abrooks@spaldinggrammar.lincs.sch.uk to discuss your child coming into school on a daily basis.

Finally, I would just like to thank you for the support that we are receiving from all of the parents regarding the fantastic start our students have made where they have adapted incredibly well to 'on-line' lessons with very few issues arising.

Best wishes,

Mr A G Brooks | Assistant Headteacher

Finally, have a good weekend and week ahead and we will write to you again next week.

Kind Regards

Spalding Grammar School

Attachments