



SPALDING
ACADEMY

Head of School

Friday 13th May 2022

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

We have had a busy week here at Spalding Academy. The students continue to amaze me with their uniform and behaviour standards around the school. As our exam season has officially started, our students are being cautious and quiet around the examination rooms, which shows great team spirit in supporting our Year 11 students.

In order to have fewer students out of lessons to use the toilet, we are introducing a new system. Students will carry a toilet pass for teachers to record when they leave a lesson. Whilst we would never stop students going to the toilet, we are now strongly encouraging students to go to the toilet during break and lunchtimes and will not be allowing students to leave shortly after a breaktime, or shortly after a lunch break. This will enable far less movement during lesson times which will further improve our normal calm and positive learning environment. It is important to stress that students will not receive a strike for needing the toilet, and new passes have been issued to students on a separate card to reinforce this message. Any students who have a genuine medical reason will not be affected by this change. They can still use their medical card to leave the classroom.

As you know, I like to celebrate our successes of the week with you. This week we had a successful trip to Hunstanton with our artists. Our Year 10 BTEC Art students visited Hunstanton beach resort and the Sea Life Centre. Students behaved impeccably and had a fantastic day collecting primary sources that will go towards their developments in the classroom. They all enjoyed the sun, sea and sand... albeit a bit windy!

In sport, our Year 8 netball team became the winners of the South Lincs Schools A Netball League which meant they were to play the winners of the South Lincs Schools B Netball League – Boston High School. On Monday 9th May 2022 they had their final game of the season against Boston High School. Both teams found their own pace and Spalding Academy went in to the 2nd quarter with a 2–1 lead. Another quarter of excellent play meant both teams were drawing 4–4 going in to the third quarter. However, the victory wasn't meant to be for Spalding Academy this year as they lost the game in the final two quarters. This is a first for our netball team from winning their league and then playing in the final. Throughout the year they have shown great enthusiasm and determination and we cannot wait to see what they can achieve moving forwards into Year 9.

On Friday, Sir John Hayes MP visited our school to show his support for our school and the South Lincolnshire Academies Trust. Mrs Conley and myself took Sir John Hayes around our exciting new developments and discussed our future plans for the school. The MP also kindly spent some time with our budding Year 11 to give them an insight into the world of politics. What a super opportunity for our students!

Your sincerely,

Mrs Jemma Curson

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