

# Head of School

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2022

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

We have had a superb second week back here at Spalding Academy. Before I update you on the events that have taken place, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support of our school ethos and uniform standards. I am on the school gate most mornings greeting our students and I am pleased to say they always look very smart which is a great start to their school day. Also, students' extreme lateness to school has massively improved for which I would thank you for your support within this area of focus.

Last week, I updated you on our school performance PLAYBILL which was sold out for both evenings. I had the pleasure watching both performances which allowed me to meet so many families on the evening. It was a fantastic feeling to have live theatre back at the school and especially when it was so well supported by families and the local community with 400 people filling up the hall. PLAYBILL featured a showcase of the very best in acting, song and dance from the stage and screen. There was something for all ages to enjoy with scenes from Shrek, Oliver, Matilda, Blood Brothers, The Addams Family, Billy Elliot and Les Misérables plus many others. I was also extremely proud to watch our very own school band take a lead in the show too. The students and staff working behind the scenes helped ensure that there was a seamless transition from scene-to-scene and the standard of every act can only be described as 'first class' with captivating stage presence plus perfect choreography and delivery, which was complemented by our incredible band. I have included some photos from the evening at the end of this update. I look forward to watching our next show in 2023!

Our Year 10 geographers have also been very busy visiting local beaches for their coast coursework. Of course, the sunny weather always makes a visit to the beach more exciting! During their fieldwork investigations in Hunstanton students proved to be fantastic ambassadors for the school, interacted with the public with maturity and even explained the purpose of their investigations to passers-by. Students visited cliffs and sand dunes to discover the impact that erosion and deposition have on our coastline, measured beach sediment and rates of longshore drift, undertook beach profile surveys and made judgements about the effectiveness of coastal management strategies. It was wonderful to return to coastal fieldwork after the experience of recent years. Staff and students alike were able to enjoy the scenery, fresh air and each other's company. To top it all off, some of our students even helped to save a seal cub that had become stranded alongside one of the groynes.



I would also like to congratulate our Spalding Academy Athletics Team who took part in the County Athletics Competition event last week. Students have been training hard to compete in this competition. Our team reached the top five in the relay, shot put and javelin. A special congratulations goes to Magdalena Pliszka who came 2nd in the 100m sprint and to Millie Revell's team who came 1st in the relay event. Well done to all the competitors. This achievement is amazing and shows how we can 'Aspire, Challenge and Achieve' at Spalding Academy.

Although we are very soon coming to the end of Year 11 examinations, we will be starting with Year 10 Pre-Public Examinations (PPE – mocks). Year 10 students will be assessed in a formal routine which replicates the Year 11 final examination series. This will give students the experience of how the exams are conducted and will provide us with information regarding their current progress across the curriculum.

Please enjoy the heatwave while it lasts!

Your sincerely,



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