

Head of School

Friday 15th July 2022

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

What a difference a heatwave makes! I just wanted to thank staff, students and parents/carers for ensuring everyone stayed safe in the very warm weather. I have sent out a letter already about the precautions we are taking for next week's weather warning.

As usual, our students have been very busy this week. Our sporting champions have taken part in Tennis, Rounders and Athletics competitions all around the county. We also had two of our students - Luke Orton and Charles Dallas represent at the Mary Burgess Junior Tennis competition.

We held our House Celebration Evening on Tuesday night and this evening was very well supported by over 150 families. It is events like this that makes my role as Head of School even more enjoyable! We celebrated the winners of each trophy and all students received a certificate and a voucher. We will build upon this successful evening next year to extend the winning list.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, we collapsed our timetable for our termly PHSE Day, where each year group had their own areas of PHSE focus. We had 17 external speakers who came in to support our students and they commented on our student's positive behaviour and participation in the sessions. The day was very informative and the students enjoyed their experiences. The areas covered were:

- Wildlife Rescue
- Blind and Death Awareness
- Chinese Dance
- Discover Islam
- Water Safety
- Relationships
- Recycled Tyres Project (which was supported by Willmott Dixon and Cummins International)
- Knife Crime
- Online Safety
- Road Safety

We waved off 10 students who will be travelling to Nepal for an amazing 12-day adventure with World Challenge. These students had to raise over £2,800 to self-fund this once in a lifetime trip. During their stay students will contribute to the Sustainable Cities and Communities initiative. The key focus is sustainable development across the community including empowering women through sustainable livelihoods programmes, eco-construction to improve infrastructure and programmes to protect the



environment through sustainable farming, education and awareness raising. Students will also sightsee, take part in a cookery workshop and hike from Nagarkot, where there are views across a number of mountain ranges, including Everest (from a far distance). The hiking trail goes from Nagarkot to Changu Narayan Temple, gradually descending through terraced fields, local villages (Tamang and Newar ethnic groups), and green forests until reaching Changu Narayan Temple, one of the oldest temples in Nepal. What an amazing opportunity for our students. I would like to thank Mrs Watt and Mrs Lewis for supporting our students on this incredible adventure. I cannot wait to share the photos with you!

As usual, I am incredibly humbled by our student's achievements this week and every week! At Spalding Academy, we are always determined to provide our students with the best opportunities in school. Our students certainly take on these challenges with resilience and determination.

Your sincerely,



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