

Head of School

Friday 9th September 2022

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

Welcome to the New Academic Year

I hope you had a restful and enjoyable holiday and are ready for the new academic year ahead. It is great to see so many enthusiastic, smart and happy students back at our academy. As we start this new academic year, I should like to extend my best wishes to staff, parents/carers, governors and, most importantly, our students for a successful year ahead.

The year ahead will bring so many opportunities here at Spalding Academy. Of course, we pride ourselves on our academic excellence, but a school is so much more. We look forward to all of the other opportunities whether they be in sports, the arts, drama, cultural links, and UK trips. We endeavour to do all that we can to develop all our learners academically, morally, ethically, physically and emotionally in order to live fulfilling and happy lives today and tomorrow.

There will be many, many positive news stories and activities happening at the school throughout the academic year that we like to share on our social media platforms. I do encourage you to follow Spalding Academy on our official platforms:

- www.instagram.com/SpaldingAcademy
- www.facebook.com/SpaldingAcademy
- www.twitter.com/SpaldingSLAT

There is also a wealth of important information on our school website (www.spaldingacademy.gov.uk) including term dates, uniform expectations and safeguarding information. Please take your time to view our website where you can find important parent/carer news.

Summer exam results

Our students achieved record breaking results this summer. I am delighted with our exceptionally high headline figures and especially pleased that the students are able to benefit from their hard work and success and progress to their next phase of their education journey. We wish our class of 2022 the very best in their futures.

Next Thursday, we will be holding the South Lincolnshire Academies Trust Upper School Rewards Evening. This will be a fantastic evening which will see our Trust celebrate the excellent Year 11 results that have been received this summer across our Trust schools.



New Year 7 students

I should like to extend a special welcome to our new Year 7 students. They have embraced their new secondary school journey with us this week. I have seen tears of joy and laughter (and some nervous tears!). This is all part of their new journey with us. Our new year 7 students have certainly left an impression on our school already. My thanks go out to our Year 7 parents/carers for working with us to make this transition smooth for our new students. We have been very impressed with all Year 7 students – they are very friendly, helpful and super organised.

If you do have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact the Year 7 Year Lead Mrs Cousins via her email address Dawn.Cousins@spaldingacademy.org.uk

Site Developments

Despite it being the school holidays, our site has been alive with developments for our students to enjoy this academic year. We have two brand new Science classrooms and two new fully equipped ICT suites. Due to our school being oversubscribed in each year group, we are also still working on the development of the West Hall to extend our provision for school assemblies.

Our future multi million-pound developments are also ongoing. Our brand new eight classroom block is starting to take shape, as the steel is now in place ready for the brickwork. We expect this project to be ready for use in Summer 2023. This year, I am also determined to refresh the main block of the school. The site is incredibly well looked after by our site staff, students and staff, so I feel our students deserve a main block area (including the student toilets) development too.

Please can I remind parents/carers that if you need your child to leave site for an appointment, we need to have confirmation from you. We cannot accept handwritten notes for safety reasons. Please use our attendance@spaldingacademy.org.uk or text 07860 055665 with full details of the student name, reason for leaving school and who will be collecting them (only contacts recorded on our system).

The world of education seems to be constantly changing, presenting new challenges and demands. However, amidst all of the changes and improvements we make, we must never forget that we are a values based non selective school with very high expectations for all of our students. Quite simply, our school motto is *Aspire, Challenge and Achieve* and I am determined to fulfil our fundamental aims and allow our students to receive a first-class education which allows them to fulfil their ambitions and aspirations. You will see, as we go through the course of the year, robust reporting systems, which will allow us and you to monitor current performance, progress against aspirational targets and attitude.

Finally, it was with great sadness that we heard our Queen had died peacefully yesterday, 8th September 2022, surrounded by her children and family members. Having been such a personal inspiration to so many, with her devotion to duty being an example to us all, we have ensured that we shared an appropriate message about this sad news with all students in registration this morning and will be holding some remembrance assemblies in the coming days.

Her Majesty the Queen's long record of public service is unparalleled in our nation's history. Throughout her remarkable reign, the Queen led us through great transformations with unflinching grace, wisdom, dignity and genuine care for the welfare of all. In sunshine or storm, she demonstrated kindness, courage, warmth, serenity and strength, as well as considerable humour and charm. The nation owes her a deep debt of gratitude for her unwavering devotion to the United Kingdom and to the Commonwealth.

Our thoughts need to be with the royal family at this sad time.

As you will already know, the announcement of the Queen's death will mark the start of national mourning that will continue until the end of the official State Funeral. The DfE have this evening communicated that all Schools will remain open during this period of national mourning. Buckingham

Palace will release the final official arrangements for the funeral in the coming days and I will communicate any further information to all students, staff and parents/carers once details are confirmed that may impact on any school activities or events.

Your sincerely,



Mrs Jemma Curson

Head of School, Spalding Academy

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Upcoming **key dates**



Prospective students in years 4 to 6 and their parents are invited to our

Open Evening



Tuesday 4th October 2022

5.30pm to 8.00pm



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