

Head of School

Friday 16th September 2022

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

Since the very sad announcement about the death of Queen Elizabeth II, our students have spent some time in tutor time, assemblies and PHSE lessons reflecting upon the incredible life of our Queen. Throughout her reign, the Queen always put others first and inspired so many people to be kind to each other and to always strive for better. Our students had a minute's silence on Monday 12th September 2022 at 11am to think about the Queen's passing and all that she had achieved. Our flag has been at half-mast to show our respect during the National mourning period. However, as the Queen said herself *"Each day is a new beginning, I know that the only way to live my life is to try to do what is right, to take the long view and to give of my best in all that the day brings"*. We have encouraged our students to continue to access all of our opportunities in school this week, as I am sure this is what the Queen would have wanted our students to do.

We held our first SLAT Trust Upper School Awards Evening on Thursday this week at Springfields Events & Conference Centre. It was an honour to hand out trophies and certificates to our prize winners. This event allowed us to congratulate, not only our Spalding Academy Year 11, but also for the other three schools within the Trust. We had over 350 students and guests join us on the evening.

Visit www.spaldingacademy.org.uk/upper-school-awards-evening-2022 and our social media platforms for photos and details of the ceremony and the winners.



As the Head of School, I have been visiting lessons to ensure we maintain our high standards of teaching and learning. It is a pleasure to see all of our students eager to learn and engaging fully in all lessons. Our first full week at school has been very busy indeed. On Wednesday, we had our school photographers in. The team that came were brilliant, and we managed to photograph over 1,400 students! The team commented that our students were a credit to our school, as they were so well presented and polite. We will be sending a letter from the company, via Intouch which takes you through how to order your child's school photograph.

Finally, on Friday lunchtime we waved off two coaches full of excited Year 7s (and excited staff!) to the annual trip to Kingswood. Our students will take part in a range of outdoor experiences which range from climbing to team building trials. This experience will help our newest students with their confidence, resilience and life skills. I am sure the students will have a superb time and will come back to school, on Tuesday full of stories about their adventure weekend.

We are holding our annual Open Evening on Tuesday 4th October 2022 from 5.30pm to 8.00pm for students, in Years 4 to 6. Our Open Evening is an opportunity for families to visit us and see what Spalding Academy stands for. On the evening, our school will be full of our young student ambassadors who will be able to inform families what it is like to be a student at Spalding Academy. If you do know any families that may have children in year 4 to 6, please support the school and help us spread this very important date on our school calendar. Our departments will begin to ask for student ambassadors to help support the evening and represent the school as tour guides. Please put this date in your diary if your child would be interested in helping at this event. We will send a letter out nearer the time.



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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Please remember our school will be closed on Monday 19th September 2022. As this is a bank holiday, we will not be setting any schoolwork to be completed.

Your sincerely,



Mrs Jemma Curson
Head of School, Spalding Academy

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