

Head of School

Friday 23rd September 2022

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

I would like to thank you for supporting us this week. On Tuesday, our external broadband provider reported an internet issue to us. Unfortunately, this has continued throughout the rest of the week. This is totally out of our control and we are in touch with the provider twice a day for an update. Without an internet connection, we cannot monitor our email systems during the school day, so I apologise if our communication with you has not been to our usual high standard.

I am going to dedicate most of my newsletter to promote the launch of our extra-curricular activities in school. Last term, our students were asked what clubs and activities they would like to attend. The list was huge!

Staff have put together a range of clubs and activities for our students to enjoy during the school day and after school. We have a timetable which students will receive on their Show My Homework app. We have many of our usual sports, music, drama, LGBTQ and The Duke of Edinburgh's Award clubs.

I have included some of our new and exciting clubs for your information below:

Careers Club will be a free club for Year 11 students to attend on a Tuesday after school until 4.30pm. There will be a calendar of scheduled events and topics which will be emailed home, put on Show My Homework, promoted in assemblies and via form time. We will cover things like writing a CV and covering letter, researching and understand Post-16 options, workshops on apprenticeships and applying to Sixth Form and College. We will have industry and education professionals in to speak and discuss careers where possible throughout the year too.

Crochet Club is a craft where wool or strands are looped together with a hook to create textiles. It is very popular at the moment with patterns trending on YouTube for flowers, amigurumi (small crocheted animals) scarves and blankets. The club will be showing the basic stitches and techniques so students can crochet flowers (ideal to give to friends and family as gifts) or to donate to the Spalding Flower Parade in May 2023.

English Puzzle Club is for students looking for a new way to make friends or strengthen their language skills? Or perhaps just keen to find a new way to dive further with word puzzles and games! The Puzzle Club is a great chance to meet fellow puzzle lovers, learn new skills and strategies, and play games with friends! We have games for 1 to 6 people, including Scrabble, Boggle, Taboo, Scattergories, Crossword Puzzles, Word Searches, Hangman, Mad Libs and more!



Reading Club is where we will be reading Carnegie Medal Nominated books. Each week we will ask students to read up to a certain point in the book so we can discuss and share our experiences. We will share our favourite parts by reading them, discuss our likes and dislikes of the characters, plot and lots more!

KS3 Computing Club is for students that are interested in anything to do with IT. On a Monday lunchtime or after-school in Room B6, students in Year 7 and Year 8 can take part in fun activities from Games Design & Coding to Graphics Editing.

KS4 Coding Club for students that would like to develop their coding skills further. Students that dream of working with computers in the future should meet in Room B6 on a Wednesday lunchtime where they will be able to undertake fun projects and enhance their coding skills for the future and take part in national competitions.

Year 9/10 Robotics Club students that have a passion for Technology should go to Room B7 on a Thursday lunchtime to take part in our new Robotics Club. The club will be launching in November 2022 and space will be strictly limited to 20, so this will be on a first come first served basis. Students that are interested need to register their interest in advance with Mr Green in Room B7.

Business Stock Simulator' Stock Market Simulator: Learn how to practice trading for free using www.wallstreetsurvivor.com, which allows you to buy and sell shares with a fictional \$100,000 portfolio.

KS3 Art - The Art team are running a club that focuses on our own favourite artists and movements, that have influenced our love of Art, hopefully we can pass that enthusiasm and passion on to the students. It will be aimed towards Key Stage 3 (Years 7 to 9) and will cover a broad range of materials, including clay, wire jewellery making and 2D studies.

I am always asking our students to Aspire, Challenge and Achieve in all that the schools offers. I am hopeful this vast amount of activities will encourage our students to take part in an activity they have an interest in.

I would like remind you that 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 of any families that may have children in years 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. Students now have the permission letters.

I hope you have a restful and enjoyable weekend.

Your sincerely,



Mrs Jemma Curson
Head of School, Spalding Academy

For the **latest news**

You can follow Spalding Academy on our official social media platforms as follows:

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

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

SAVE THE DATE

SPALDING ACADEMY

Aspire • Challenge • Achieve