

Head of School

Friday 14th October 2022

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

What another amazing week, at Spalding Academy! We have had so many events and opportunities taking place for all our young people.

I have to start with our hugely successful Career Fair on Thursday. The support and effort from our local and national businesses was incredible where we welcomed over 40 exhibitors to the Careers Fair. It was, without doubt, the most engaging and active fair we have hosted to date. All students were exceptionally well behaved, approached companies and educators with confidence asking questions with genuine interest.

Some of the feedback we received from exhibitors on the day included *“blown away by how engaged the students are”*, *“impressed by the willingness to learn about our industry”* and *“surprised by the confidence to talk to adults and how polite they are”*.

We saw students (and staff) taking part in activities such as, how wall is fully constructed, taking blood and blood pressure, finger printing, trying on uniforms and PPE, naming fruit and vegetables, guessing the cost of vehicle repairs, a remote-controlled forklift challenge, using a breaker to drill in to a concrete block and the opportunity to sit in a tractor, HGV cab or digger!

The day was a tremendous success and students took full advantage of the wide range of companies in attendance. Learners spent time talking to the Sixth Form at Bourne Academy to discover the different Post-16 pathway and how it is achievable for them. Students were keen to find out about the different apprenticeships available and there was a large amount of myth-busting around subjects you need to go on to study professions such as law and finance, what alternative routes in to nursing there are other than university and how the construction industry is so much more than building houses!

To see as many students and families return/stay after school was brilliant too. All in all, this was a very productive and proactive day for all our young people.

Our Year 7 and 8 students have had a reading session this week called DEAR Time, which stands for ‘Drop Everything And Read’. We initially launched DEAR Time for our Year 7 cohort which provided further opportunities for students to read widely and often. As a result of this successful initiative, we offered this opportunity to our Year 7 students. This week, all students in Years 7 and 8 took the opportunity to ‘drop everything’ to spend time reading and gaining a deeper insight into their respective subject areas. Students and staff really enjoyed this opportunity to read their favourite books!



We also had Peterborough United Football Team visit our Year 7 Assembly and a big thank you to Mr Billingham, Assistant Headteacher for organising the event. The students absolutely loved the presentation and appearance by the club mascot 'Peter Burrows'.

We have even been offered free tickets to watch both the mens and ladies Peterborough United FC football matches. Please see the letter sent on Parentmail this week!



Finally, I would like to promote our Show my Homework App to you. Satchel One is the most useful website we provide at Spalding Academy. Through the app or website, you can access both homework and all aspects of your child's behaviour. The app allows you to support your child with their learning at home. Simply knowing what homework your child has been set can make great improvements to your child's learning and motivation. It allows you to see reward points given which will allow you to celebrate school success at home and initiate more difficult conversations if the need arises. If you need any support with logging into the app, please contact our email enquiries@spaldingacademy.org.uk

Your sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Jemma Curson'.

Mrs Jemma Curson
Head of School, Spalding Academy

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Upcoming key dates

An advertisement for a Sixth Form Open Evening at Bourne Academy. The background features a photograph of a young woman in a lab coat holding a beaker with a blue flame, and a young man in a suit standing next to her. The text is set against a dark blue background with a gold starburst graphic. The Bourne Academy logo is in the bottom left corner, and the slogan 'Aspire • Challenge • Achieve' is at the bottom.

Years 10 & 11 from all schools in the local area are welcome to our

SIXTH FORM Open Evening

SAVE THE DATE

Thursday 17th November 2022
6.00pm to 8.00pm

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