

Head of School

Friday 21st October 2022

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

I cannot believe we are at the end of our first term for this academic year. All of our students have settled back into the school routine so well, and are challenging themselves to take part in the opportunities we have had on offer this term. Our new Year 7 students have settled in successfully, and already feel part of our school family. Our Year 11 students are also working so hard, as we start to accelerate towards their mock examinations in Term 2.

We have had a very busy last week of term. On Tuesday and Wednesday, our Year 10 geography students went on their annual fieldtrip to Lincoln. Students began their day with a visit to the historic Cathedral Quarter, to make observations about the City layout and structure. They also had the opportunity to walk the walls of Lincoln Castle, to see a view across the City from above. Following this, students were working in small groups to gather primary fieldwork data relating to recent regeneration that has been carried out in the city centre and Brayford Waterfront. The students were a credit to the school and will now work on their data collected, back in the classrooms.

Our Year 7 and 8 students have launched themselves into our Bedrock Learning literacy scheme. Following on from last year's success, we have continued with this system to boost educational outcomes for our new Year 7's and previous learners, who are now Year 8's. You may ask what Bedrock is, well it is an interactive curriculum which supports students to become independent with literacy concepts and shows their progress and engagement. Bedrock teaches vocabulary using a wide range of fiction and non-fiction texts. It enables students to expand their academic vocabulary, whilst building their cultural capital with a wide range of topics such as 'Weird World Records' and 'Apartheid'. Our system automatically generates and assigns learning content to students, marks the work produced and delivers new content based on results. The school's adoption of this challenging vocabulary curriculum forms one part of our whole school commitment to language acquisition and vocabulary growth for all students. Please encourage your child to use this as part of their home learning.

At Spalding Academy, we are always trying to find ways to ease the burden of paying for sports equipment. In terms of football boots, we appreciate that not all students play football outside of school and therefore only require football boots for PE lessons, on top of this students quickly grow out of them. With this in mind, we are trying to help with the cost of football boots through the PE 'Boot Swap Scheme'. The PE Department have a collection of old used football boots, in various sizes that we use for students



that forget their boots and need them for lesson. If a student grows out of their football boots, they can bring them in and swap them for a pair that fits that way there is no need to buy brand new ones. Please ask your child to see their PE teacher in their next lesson.

Our sport ambassadors have represented our school in several competitions, over the last two weeks. Our netball teams won against University Academy Long Sutton and Spalding High School. Also, our netball teams came joint fifth in the Superzone tournament. Our football teams also won against University Academy Long Sutton. The skills students gain from taking part in sport competitively outweighs any win, loss or draw, but it does feel good to win!



Finally, at the end of this update, I have attached our Term 2 'extra-curricular programme' for your information, which includes plenty of lunchtime and after-school activities offering something for everyone. Our students are embracing the clubs on offer and are uptake is very high.

I wish everyone a happy, safe and restful half term break.

We come back to school on Monday 31st October 2022.

Your sincerely,

Mrs Jemma Curson

Head of School, Spalding Academy

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Upcoming key dates



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

Aspire • Challenge • Achieve



Extra-curricular activities

TERM 2 (Monday 31st October to Friday 16th December 2022)

Lunchtime extra-curricular activities

MONDAY LUNCHTIME				
Sport	Boys Basketball	Year 8	West Gym	Mr Munton
	Girls Basketball	Year 7/8	East Gym	Miss Pearce
	Dance	All Years	Sports Hall	Miss Ringrose
ICT	KS3 Computing Club	Year 7/8	B6	Mr Green
Maths	Maths Challenge	Year 7/8	F10	Mr Oliver
Music	Songwriting Club	All Years	J2	Miss Armstrong
TUESDAY LUNCHTIME				
Sport	Boys Basketball	Year 7	West Gym	Mr Duggan
	Girls Fitness Suite	Year 9/10/11	Fitness Suite	Miss Donaldson
	Sports Leaders	Year 9	B5	Mr Munton
	Table Tennis	All Years	East Gym	Mr Airey
DofE	The Duke of Edinburgh's Award	Year 10/11	G22	Mr Abraham
Music	Year Group Bands	All Years	J1	Mr Barrett
PSHE	LGBTQ+ Club	All Years	G25	Mrs Shepherd
WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME				
Sport	Boys Basketball	Year 10	West Gym	Mr Airey
	Girls Basketball	Year 9/10/11	East Gym	Miss Pearce
	Boys Fitness Suite	Year 9/10/11	Fitness Suite	Mr Munton
ICT	KS4 Coding Club	Year 10/11	B6	Mr Green
THURSDAY LUNCHTIME				
Sport	Gymnastics	All Years	East Gym	Miss Ringrose
	Boys Basketball	Year 9	West Gym	Mr Favell
Art & Design	KS3 Arts & Crafts	Year 7/8/9	D2	Mrs Fuller
Games & Pastimes	Book/Reading Club	All Years	F6	Miss Allen
	Puzzles & Word Games	All Years	F1	Mr Savara
ICT	Robotics Club	Year 9/10	B7	Mr Green
Music	Choir	All Years	J2	Miss Armstrong
	Audio Club (Production & Mixing)	All Years	J1	Mr Barrett
FRIDAY LUNCHTIME				
Games & Pastimes	Card/Board Games	All Years	G23	Miss Whelbourn
Geography	Eco Council	All Years	E1	Mrs Collinson
Music	Keyboard Group	All Years	J2	Miss Armstrong
Religious Studies	Mindfulness Colouring	All Years	C6	Mrs Watt

After school extra-curricular activities

Unless otherwise arranged by the organiser, all after-school activities will run for one hour. All after-school sports run from 3.15pm to 4.30pm.

MONDAY AFTER-SCHOOL				
Sport	Boys Football	Year 7	Field	Mr Munton
	Netball	Year 9/10/11	Netball Courts or East Gym	Miss Donaldson / Miss Ringrose
ICT	KS3 Computing Club	Year 7/8	B6	Mr Green
Religious Studies	Mindfulness Colouring	All Years	C6	Mrs Watt
TUESDAY AFTER-SCHOOL				
Sport	Gymnastics	All Years	East Gym	Miss Ringrose
	Mixed Hockey	All Years	Astro	Miss Donaldson
	Boys Rugby	All Years	Field	Mr Favell / Miss Pearce
	Sports Leaders	Year 9	B5	Mr Munton
Careers	Careers Club	Year 11	B3	Miss Grant
Drama	School Musical (School of Rock)	All Years	K Block	Miss Clarke
WEDNESDAY AFTER-SCHOOL				
Sport	Boys Football	Year 10	Field/Astro	Mr Duggan
	Boys Football	Year 11	Field/Astro	Mr Airey
	Netball	Year 7/8	Netball Courts or East Gym	Miss Donaldson / Miss Ringrose
	Mixed Volleyball	All Years	Sports Hall	Mr Jolley
Business	Wall Street Survivor	All Years	B1	Mr Hayter
Games & Pastimes	Strategy Games Club	All Years	C3	Mr Davidson
Music	EVOLVE Project (3.30pm to 5.30pm)	All Years	J Block	Mr Barrett / Miss Armstrong
THURSDAY AFTER-SCHOOL				
Sport	Boys Basketball	Year 11	West Gym	Mr Duggan
	Dance	All Years	Sports Hall	Miss Ringrose
	Boys Football	Year 9	Field/Astro	Mr Favell
	Girls Football	U14s / U16s	Field	Miss Donaldson / Miss Pearce
Art & Design	Crochet Club	All Years	B2	Mrs Breed
Drama	KS3 Drama Club	Year 7/8/9	G25	Mrs Shepherd
MFL	Learn to Speak Italian	All Years	EAL Room	Mrs Staffuzza
Music	Audio Club (Recording)	All Years	Studio	Mr Barrett
Science	Science Club	Year 7	G17	Miss Davis