

# Head of School

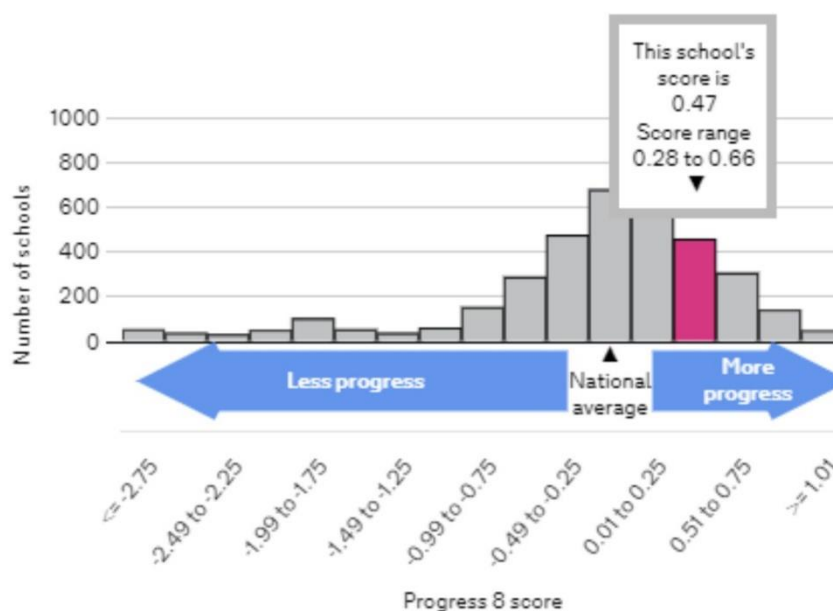
Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2022

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

We have had a fantastic start to our Term 2. Our students have come back to school looking very smart and ready to learn.

I am pleased to share with you our provisional Progress 8 Score for Spalding Academy which has been published recently on the Government's School Performance Tables. The Progress 8 score is a measure calculated each year on the basis of the actual results of all students nationally taking exams at the end of Year 11. As you can see from the graph below, students at Spalding Academy make very strong progress and outperform many schools, including the various Lincolnshire Grammar Schools. Our team of dedicated teachers work tirelessly to ensure students of all abilities can maximise their potential as a student of this school. Additionally, we ensure our strong curriculum offer at Spalding Academy can meet the needs of all our students, coupled with the excellent pastoral care we provide to our students. We are proud of our students and the strong set of academic results is a testament to their hard work and the support they receive from you as parents and carers.



This week we have had our first Theatre trip, since the pandemic. Over 50 Year 11 students went to see 'A Christmas Carol' as this play is one of our English Literature texts. The coach left Spalding Academy bound for Stratford Royal Shakespeare Company Theatre and the students and staff had a wonderful time and certainly felt the benefit of seeing the text they are studying come to life!

Throughout the academic year, we run a variety of writing and literacy based Trust-wide competitions for our students to get involved in. In the summer term, we ran a competition called 'The Future We Want' where students were tasked with writing an article based around this theme. Students from all four schools entered the competition, which was judged by Mrs Conley. It was a difficult decision with such a wide variety of entries to choose and all four winners were from Spalding Academy:

- 1st place Lucy Shortland (Year 8)
- 2nd place Sapphire Joseph (Year 9)
- 3rd place Savannah Hughes (Year 9)
- Highly Commended Trinity Okwaudi (Year 8)

SLAT Assistant Headteacher, Mrs Bland, who ran the Trust competition said, *"The entries we received were thought-provoking and heart-warming. Students explored a range of issues in their articles from eradicating racism, to the critical importance of protecting our planet as well as considering issues such as sexism and homophobia. All of the articles were written with maturity and a desire from the young people to want to change the world for the better. I am so excited by the quality of the work they produced and am proud to see that such talented, budding writers exist within our Trust."*

The first placed entry received a £15 voucher, the second and third placed entries received £10 vouchers and the highly commended entry received £5. Students will also have their work published on the school website so please look out for this in a future update. I am so proud of our students and their articles. To have all four winners from Spalding Academy is absolutely fantastic and illustrates our student's dedication to our ethos of Aspire, Challenge and Achieve.

As part of our daily rewards system, each year group have had their Strike Card Prize Draw this week, in their assemblies. Each student with a clean Strike Card was entered to the prize draw to win £40 Love2shop gift vouchers. I was really pleased to see so many clear Strike Cards in the prize draw. Students have all been given a new Strike Card again this term. Over the next week, we will also be delivering over 500 cookies/muffins and drinks to those students who have achieved 100% attendance last term. We pride ourselves on recognising everyday achievements and we believe all students who achieve 100% attendance deserve a little treat!

I would like to thank all parents / carers who attended our first Parents' Evening for Year 7. We had over 80% of our parents engage with the evening. It was lovely to see tutors and parents discussing our students transition to us, from primary. Each year group will have a dedicated evening where they can discuss progress and welfare issues with their teachers or tutors. Here are the dates below for your calendars.

- Year 8 Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2023
- Year 9 Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2022
- Year 10 Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2023
- Year 11 Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2023

I have also included our academic calendar dates for 2023-24 and extra-curricular activities timetable for your information.

Your sincerely,



**Mrs Jemma Curson**  
Head of School, Spalding Academy

## For the latest news

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- [www.instagram.com/SpaldingAcademy](https://www.instagram.com/SpaldingAcademy)
- [www.facebook.com/SpaldingAcademy](https://www.facebook.com/SpaldingAcademy)
- [www.twitter.com/SpaldingSLAT](https://www.twitter.com/SpaldingSLAT)

## Upcoming key dates



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

# SIXTH FORM Open Evening

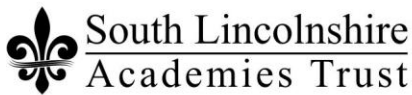
**Thursday 17th November 2022**  
6.00pm to 8.00pm

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# Term Dates 2023/24



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SEPTEMBER 2023							OCTOBER 2023							NOVEMBER 2023							DECEMBER 2023						
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MAY 2024							JUNE 2024							JULY 2024							AUGUST 2024						
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■ School Holiday    
 ■ Bank / Public Holiday    
 ■ Staff Training Day    
 ■ Years 7, 10 & 11 return    
 ■ All year groups return

1ST TERM 2023	2ND TERM 2023
Wednesday 6th September - Friday 20th October 2023 • Years 7, 10 & 11 return on Wednesday 6th September 2023 • All year groups return on Thursday 7th September 2023  <b>HOLIDAY</b> Monday 23rd October - Monday 30th October 2023	Tuesday 31st October - Wednesday 20th December 2023  <b>HOLIDAY</b> Thursday 21st December - Tuesday 2nd January 2024
3RD TERM 2024	4TH TERM 2024
Wednesday 3rd January - Friday 9th February 2024  <b>HOLIDAY</b> Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February 2024	Monday 19th February - Thursday 28th March 2024  <b>HOLIDAY</b> Friday 29th March - Monday 15th April 2024
5TH TERM 2024	6TH TERM 2024
Tuesday 16th April - Friday 24th May 2024  <b>HOLIDAY</b> Monday 6th May 2024 (May Day) Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May 2024	Monday 3rd June - Friday 19th July 2024

**STAFF TRAINING DAYS** when your child will not have to attend school are allocated as follows:  
 Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th September 2023  
 Monday 30th October 2023



# Extra-curricular activities

**TERM 2** (Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> 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
	Boys Football	Year 8	Field	Mr Billinghamurst
	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