



SPALDING  
ACADEMY

# Head of School

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2022

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

We have had such a busy week! From supporting the Spalding Remembrance Parade to raising money for Children in Need. Our *Aspire, Challenge and Achieve* school values have certainly shone through this week.

On Remembrance Sunday, I was accompanied by all of our Head Students to represent Spalding Academy, by taking part in the Spalding Town Parade and placing a poppy wreath at the memorial service. The parade and service were very poignant. It was an honour to lay a wreath, alongside all our local Defences and Emergency Services representatives.

On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2022, the whole school helped raise monies for Children in Need by participating in a non-uniform day. This is one of the many House charity events our students are involved with throughout the academic year. Children in Need is such a worthwhile cause as they fund local charities and projects who help remove barriers that are facing children and young people, so that they can thrive. Thank you to everyone who donated and we will share the final amount raised next week.

Our Trust Sixth Form (located at Bourne Academy) held their annual Open Evening on Thursday. We had over 100 students from Spalding Academy looking around the sixth form facilities. In 2021 and 2022, the Sixth Form had a 100% pass rate in A-levels and BTECs and are proud that 99% of students went to their first-choice university. We will continue to support our Year 11 students and parents in our application process to apply for our post-16 pathway.

Our sporting ambassadors for the school have been very busy this past week too. We have been on several fixtures throughout the week. The students have represented us at Football, Basketball and Hockey. We had a mixture of losses, but also incredible wins beating Walton School 12-0 in football!

Speaking of football wins, our Nation's England football team kick off their World Cup campaign next week. We realise our students will want to support their home nation during these next coming weeks. Therefore, we will be showcasing the first half of the England vs Iran match, on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2022 at 1pm. If they want to, students will be allowed to go to our designated areas to watch the first half (limited spaces). After lunch, our lessons will resume as normal. Come on England!



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I would like to remind you that we are a nut free school. We have students who suffer from nut allergies, that are severe and potentially life-threatening. If someone has a nut allergy it is not just eating nuts that can cause a severe reaction, just being touched on the skin or smelling the breath of someone who has had nuts or a product containing nuts can trigger anaphylactic shock (which can cause breathing and swallowing difficulties). Please can I ask that you have no nut products in the lunch boxes or brought into the school as treats or snacks.

Finally, we received an update from the Department of Education (DfE) regarding an additional bank holiday in May 2023. In light of the announcement of His Majesty's Coronation on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2023, an additional bank holiday has been announced on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023. This will mean our school will be closed for that day. We are conscious that the various Bank Holidays will have an impact on the learning for those lessons timetabled on a Monday. As such, school leaders will be looking at ways to ensure those subjects are not disadvantaged through slight amendments to the curriculum. As ever, any changes will be communicated to parents/carers in advance.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Your sincerely,



**Mrs Jemma Curson**

Head of School, Spalding Academy

## Job vacancies

Due to South Lincolnshire Academies Trust (SLAT) expanding and an increase in student numbers we have a variety of job vacancies across all of the schools in Trust.

We offer a calm and safe environment where staff and students work hard, achieve a great deal and enjoy excellent working relationships.

Vacancies include support staff and teachers as well as part-time roles such as Exam Invigilators where we require a team of staff to call upon throughout the year and not just in the summer!

There are currently the following job vacancies available across the Trust:

- **Human Resources Officer**
- **Finance Assistant**
- **Premises Assistant**
- **Catering Assistant**
- **Exam Invigilators**
- **Pastoral Year Lead**
- **Head of Department - Geography**
- **Teachers of various subjects (Art, English, Geography, History, Maths, Music, Religious Studies and Science)**

All current job vacancies in the Trust are listed on the SLAT website: [www.slat.org.uk/vacancies](http://www.slat.org.uk/vacancies)

If you know of anyone who may be interested in working for our schools then please share with them.

You will also find the latest vacancies advertised every Friday during term time on Facebook and Twitter so remember to follow us on our social media platforms.

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