

Head of School

Friday 27th January 2023

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

We are half way through Term 3 already and had another successful week at Spalding Academy!

There were incredible musical performances on Wednesday night at the South Holland Centre. Thank you to all the friends and family who come to support - we had 100+ people in the audience. The standard of performances was very high as students performed with confidence and style. There were songs from The Cure to Coldplay and ABBA to Lady Gaga. A special thank you goes to Mr Barrett and Miss Armstrong for supporting our amazing students. The music department always go above and beyond to support our students and this was a superb opportunity for them to experience a live performance on a professional stage. Money raised from the event will go towards new equipment for the music department.



Our Year 7 students had a cultural trip this week to visit the Cathedral and Mosque in Peterborough. Over 250 students enjoyed the unique opportunity to spend time in these places of worship, which had activities and presentations from representatives at these venues. This educational visit forms part of the PSHE programme and provides a foundation of learning toward studying Religious Studies.



Our basketball team took part in tournament against another local schools. A group of our Year 7 students took the trip to University Academy Holbeach to compete in the South Lincolnshire 3x3 Basketball Tournament where they played matches against five other local schools. We had seven students participate in the competition and they were split into two teams to play in two different groups. It was a great experience for the students as they all won, drew and lost games and one of our teams made it through to the semi-finals after being unbeaten in the group stages. They just missed out reaching the final after drawing 4-4 in the game and only lost on a penalty free throw contest. Well done to all of the players.



We have the National Internet Safety Day coming up in February. To get as many people involved, I would like to promote Lincolnshire Safeguarding Dan's Big Fat Online Safety Quiz on Tuesday 7th February 2023 from 6pm to 7pm. As part of Safer Internet Day 2023, Safeguarding Dan is hosting a virtual quiz and we would like parents/carers and their children to join forces. Form the ultimate team and you can prove that you are the most knowledgeable family in Lincolnshire. You will be tested on the latest apps and games and perhaps some old school technology! This will make a great family activity which will support you in talking with your children about online safety.

- To book, visit www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/dans-big-fat-online-safety-quiz-tickets-523487935507

As part of our career 'myth busting' season, our amazing careers team have been busy organising local and national businesses to come into school to talk to students about their career journey. On Tuesday, we had the Army join us in the afternoon. They offered a small group session for students who are interested in joining the Army. They also carried out a Year 10 assembly to address all the different careers available within the Armed Forces.

And finally, next week we have our annual Book Fair in the school library with a wide choice of nearly 200 books. When you purchase from the Book Fair, you will also help earn extra books for our school - last year, you helped us buy lots of new books for the library so it really is worth getting involved. The books on offer range from £2.99 to £9.99 and are specially selected for Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 students. There are many new titles as well as students favourites to choose from.

- To view all the titles in the Book Fair, visit <https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/bookcases/tt>
- To order and pay online, visit <https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay> (and select the school)

Orders must be made by 1pm on Tuesday 7th February 2023 and copies of the books are available to view in the school Library from Thursday 2nd February to Tuesday 7th February 2023 at midday.

Our extra curricular focus for this week is Maths Challenge Club. At the club, all students are welcome to come and focus on extending current knowledge in an alternative and unique way of learning. Students in KS3 are encouraged to think laterally about Maths with an emphasis on working towards the UKMT (United Kingdom Mathematics Trust) annual Junior Maths Challenge. Students in KS4 are working on problem solving GCSE questions as well as discovering some A-Level content to ready them for future years. New students are welcome, this club takes place every Monday lunchtime in F10 with Mr Oliver.

I hope you have a wonderful and restful weekend.

Your sincerely,

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Head of School, Spalding Academy

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