

Head of School

Friday 10th March 2023

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

We have had another fabulous week with many student opportunities and successes to be celebrated.

Our Sports Department have been very busy this week, as we held our Year 9 SLAT Trust Games where Spalding Academy were crowned the Year 9 SLAT Games champions! Our Year 9 netball team were going in to this tournament with confidence after winning their game last week 19-1 against another local school. The first game saw Spalding Academy win 9-1 against Cowley Academy. The team performed exceptionally and couldn't have done much more to secure this win. The second game saw Spalding Academy draw 3-3 against Bourne Academy. After 8 minutes we were losing 0-2, but a quick team talk got the team to re-focus and play "their own game" to come back and draw 3-3. The final game saw us draw 7-7 against Giles Academy. The final standings were incredibly close with three schools having 11 points each! It was then time to work out the goal difference to determine the overall placings, we managed to have a goal difference of eight which was better than Bourne Academy and Giles Academy.

As the sporting successes continue, we played a Year 8 football match against Spalding Grammar School. Our students have been training hard since the beginning of the season. We drew 3-3 but won overall on penalties. Well done!

Finally, Our Year 7, 8 and 9 netball teams played away at The Deepings School last Thursday. I am pleased to announce we won all three matches including one score being 19-1!

I would like to say a special thank all our parents/carers for their support with our successful sports teams. Many of these fixtures are not back during the school day, so I appreciate the time and effort parents take to arrange collection after school.

I had the honour of supporting five of our students with their RAF Cadet Headteacher night. This evening gave me an excellent opportunity to see first-hand the activities and programs that our local RAF team to offer to our cadets. The RAF Cadets unit is dedicated to promoting leadership, teamwork, and character development in young people, and we believe that these values align with the goals of our school. We have invited in the RAF Cadet Team to deliver assemblies to all students who can access this great local opportunity.

This week, we also took part in pilot scheme for the Lincolnshire's Sexual Health Clinic (LiSH). Lincolnshire is promoting their Sexual Health Clinic services around ten schools in the County. As a Trust we felt this was a great opportunity to support our young people to make safer and healthier choices. The nursing



team commented on how wonderfully polite our students were and they were pleased with the questions and support they could give our students.

On Monday, the BAE Roadshow Team visited school and delivered an engaging presentation giving young people insight into the world of Science, Technology Engineering and Maths. The 2023 schools STEM roadshow was around 50 minutes and explored the topics of space and the depths of the ocean. Aligned to the school curriculum, they demonstrated the difficulties and powers of both extremities using a huge six metre blow up sun and a marble to suggest the size differences along with interactive activities around communication and planetary facts! Again, another great opportunity for our students.



On Wednesday, we hosted over 200 primary school students for a 'Sing-sensation' event in our East Hall. All local primary schools have been practicing their best vocals, to come and sing with the 'Strictly Come Dancing Band'. Our musicians showcased their best songs on the stage for our visiting primary school students too. All the students were incredibly polite and their behaviour was impeccable. It was great to be able to host such a great event for our feeder primary schools.



Our extra-curricular focus for this week is the Science Club for Years 7 and 8, which takes place on Thursdays after school in G17. It is a great opportunity for students to try out experiments that are not part of the curriculum, to enhance their practical skills and knowledge. Experiments carried out recently include teabag ghosts, lava lamps, scribble bots and elephant's toothpaste. We are currently planning our Science Fair which will take place during lunchtime on Wednesday 15th March 2023 in G17 to showcase our students work and celebrate British Science Week. We also plan to work towards the CREST Awards after Easter, to recognise our students' skills.

Finally, you will have already received a letter regarding our free Trust workshop - Parent Online Safety Event which will be held next Wednesday evening. This is a fantastic opportunity to join an event which ensures we are all fully equipped to understand how to keep our children safe online and importantly keeping up to date in the ever-changing world of challenges our children may be facing online. It would be fantastic for parents to join this important event to enable us all to be educated with the most up-to-date advice and information around the most recent technologies which may be unsafe for our children to use and view. As a parent, I will definitely be joining this event! For details of how to book your place, see the booking link sent to parents via ParentMail.

A promotional banner for a 'Parent Online Safety Event'. The background is blue with a green diagonal stripe at the bottom. On the left, there are several 3D cubes with social media icons like Instagram, Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube. The text 'Parent Online Safety Event' is in large white and green font. Below it, 'WEDNESDAY 15TH MARCH • 6PM TO 7PM' is written in white. A white starburst contains the text 'CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION'. The Spalding Academy logo, a black square with a laurel wreath and the text 'SPALDING ACADEMY', is in the center. To its right, the text 'Protecting our young people from the dangers of social media' is written. At the bottom right, the motto 'Aspire • Challenge • Achieve' is written in white on the green stripe.

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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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