

Head of School

Friday 31st March 2023

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

I cannot believe we have finally reached the end of term...

Firstly, I would like to thank all of our Year 10 students for their conduct and behaviour throughout their PPE examinations. This has been an excellent trial run for their real examinations in Year 11. Year 10 students will be receiving their results following the Easter holiday period. This will be a good indicator as to the progress that has been made for each student and their next steps.

Secondly, Year 11 students should now have opted in to the Easter Revision Sessions which take place at the school over the holiday period. The deadline has now passed for this, therefore all students should have now planned for the sessions they are attending. I would also like to remind Year 11 students about Leavers hoodies and Prom tickets, which continue to be available through ParentMail.

For Key Stage 3 in Year 7 and Year 8, we have also rewarded 200 students today for their excellent attitude to learning in school combined with excellent attendance. Our highest achievers in these combined categories received a 'Spalding Academy Cinema Experience'! Students enjoyed the afternoon with a film, drink and popcorn as a reward for working hard throughout the term. We will be rewarding Year 9 students in the same way following the Easter break.

Mrs Avril Rogers is retiring today after 30 years of service to the school and during this time she would have issued over 500,000 books! She has seen many improvements during this time since she first started as a Librarian at Glead Girls School in July 1993. The school has undergone many changes when Glead Girls School and Glead Girls Technology College merged to become Sir John Glead School and now known as Spalding Academy. I would like to thank Mrs Rogers for her hard work and dedication to all our students. She always has a smile on her face, ready to support our students with choosing their books or supporting their literacy. We will be forever grateful for her service as she has dedicated her working life and career to our school and students. We will miss you!



Today, the modern and spacious library at Spalding Academy has thousands of books, which students have free access to borrow and read. The books available are aimed at Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4, so every student will find something to enjoy, especially when this includes sport, suspense, wellbeing, diversity, graphic novels as well as classics and young adult favourites.

On Wednesday, we hosted our annual Football Primary Festival. We had students from over ten primary school here. This was a great opportunity for our Sports Leaders in Year 9 to support younger students use their new leadership skills. Even though the weather was not on our side, all the students behaved impeccably and everyone had a great time!

On Thursday night we hosted our annual House Music Competition. The battle of the bands and soloists were a pleasure to judge. The students performed so well throughout the evening. It certainly made judging the winners a difficult task. I would like to thank Miss Kilby and Mr Woods for coming over to help me judge the competition. Our students performed such a wide variety of songs from Coldplay to Madonna and Britney Spears to Nirvana! I am really pleased to announce the overall winning House was **Johnson House**.



Our extra-curricular focus for this week is the LGBTQ+ Club, which runs every Tuesday lunchtime in G25. It primarily provides a relaxed space where students who may identify as part of the LGBTQ+ community can find support and mix with others who might face similar situations. We also have students who come along to support their friends, or just want to generally support students in this community. We provide mindfulness colouring, have a suggestion box for activities, circle time for those who have something to share and a letters box which is for students to put down on paper things that they may not want to voice out aloud. We are currently also planning activities for Pride month and discussing ways that we can refresh the LGBTQ+ board in the West End reception. There is a warm welcome for anyone who wishes to join.

Please can I remind parents that students return to school on Tuesday 18th April 2023 due to a staff training day. This date is on our school calendar and our term dates on our website.

Finally, I would like to remind all students that the worried email tab worried@spaldingacademy.org.uk will be active throughout the holiday period. Please reassure your child that if they need any safeguarding support or advice to please utilise this email address which will be able to advise on the next steps.

Thank you to all parents and carers we really value your continued support. I hope you all have a wonderful Easter break with your family and friends.

Your sincerely,



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