

# Head of School

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2023

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

I hope everyone had a restful Easter break. As usual, our amazing students have returned to school in the correct uniform and ready to learn. Terms 5 and 6 are always very busy in any school and we have all returned ready to take this in our stride. Please can I ask parents and carers to support the school, by checking that their child is equipped for school with the basic stationery requirements. We will always lend equipment where necessary, however, it is a student's responsibility to carry basic stationery such as pens, pencils, and a ruler, with a school bag!

I would like to thank students and staff for our Easter revision sessions. Our Year 11 student's attendance to these sessions was outstanding. The students have all spoken very highly of the sessions and how useful they were for their preparation for the upcoming examination season (with 16 days to go until their first written exam). We understand this time for Year 11 can be very worrying for our students, we are always here to support our students, through this journey.

I always like to celebrate our students' successes in and outside of school. During the Easter holidays, many of our students took part in a stage performance of the Sound of Music, at the South Holland Centre. Many of our members of staff have commented how wonderful and confident our students were. What a great opportunity for them to perform on a stage with a live audience.

This week has also been very important for our Year 9 students as they embark upon their GCSE/BTEC option choices journey this term. We realise this is one of the most important decisions of their educational career, this is why we have dedicated a whole section on our school website to help students through the decision-making process in order to get it right.

- [www.spaldingacademy.org.uk/year-9-options](http://www.spaldingacademy.org.uk/year-9-options)

Also, at the top of this webpage there is a Year 9 Options Video Presentation which explains the Year 10/11 curriculum, the KS4 Options process and gives guidance for making these important choices. Our Year 9's have also had a KS4 Options assembly on Thursday, which was delivered by our Options Team and Careers Coordinator. Students must choose their subjects by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2023 and the Options Form will be sent via ParentMail w/c Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2023. We will then confirm the subjects in June 2023 as the timetable and staffing have to be in place before we are in a position to confirm. In the week commencing Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2023, students in Year 9 will not be set any subject homework. Instead we are asking them to study the subject information and watch the subject videos.



Over the next two weeks all year groups will receive an assembly led by myself focused on our school ethos and core values – Aspire, Challenge, Achieve. I have already seen our Year 7 and 11 students.

In addition to this, we have been informing all students in assembly this week about our new student voice system in school. This provides an avenue to ensure all students have the opportunity to raise suggestions, thoughts and improvements about the school. On our school website we now have a 'Students Say, We Listen' button that allows students to be able to make suggestions for the Senior Leadership Team to consider in order to make positive changes to the school. We are looking forward to supporting student ideas which will enhance our school community.

As another reminder, please be aware that when you call Spalding Academy on 01775 722484, the menu options have recently changed. Please listen to all options before selecting your choice. We have improved our telephone system to ensure you can reach the right person, or if the school is closed, you can leave a message for us to contact you back, if necessary.

From Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2023, we are now using our 'Show My Homework' App to notify parents of any intervention or Period 6 for students. Please ensure you have downloaded this app, as this is an important part of our communication system with home.

As our Year 11 students approach their examination season, I wanted to say how incredibly hard they are all working. Also, I would like to clarify the use of study leave for students in the Trust. The Department for Education (DfE) issues guidelines for schools to use and state that 'study leave' should not be granted by default once the exam syllabus has been taught. The DfE clarified that you can only grant study leave once exams have started, by permission of the school. We know it is vital for students to attend their lessons, with their subject teachers prior to any examination. We re-timetable to ensure maximum coverage of learning and support for our students during this time. Additionally, we will continue to offer interventions, until all exams are finished. With our examination proven track record, we know our examination process is the best for our Year 11 students.

I have included in this weekly newsletter the Term 5 update to extra-curricular clubs, enrichment and Year 11 subject intervention sessions. As you will see there is a wide range of clubs on offer for all year groups and interests. We are looking forward to students embracing and enjoying a new club or activity this term.

Finally, you may be aware that the government is rolling out a national Emergency Alert System. At 3pm on Sunday 23rd April 2023 an alert will be sent to your mobile phone or tablet to rehearse the process of informing you of a potential emergency situation – this will be a loud 10 second sound. If you/someone you know/a parent you are working with has a second mobile phone which they use for safety reasons, please follow the instruction provided in a new video (<https://youtu.be/l2MBcHwmiy8>) from the specialist organisation Refuge. This explains how to disable the emergency alert in the setting app. This information has been sent by Lincolnshire Local Authority to be shared by schools with parents and carers.

I cannot believe I have been the Head of School, here at Spalding Academy for one year. From my very first day our students, staff and parents have been incredible. I am so proud to lead this school and I would like thank you for all your support of our school.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Your sincerely,



**Mrs Jemma Curson**

Head of School, Spalding Academy

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



# Extra-curricular activities

**TERM 5** (Tuesday 18th April to Friday 26th May 2023)

## Lunchtime extra-curricular activities

MONDAY LUNCHTIME				
Games & Pastimes	<b>Board Games, Lego &amp; Chess</b>	All Years	D1	Mrs Carter
ICT	<b>KS3 Computing Club</b>	Year 7/8	B6	Mr Green
Maths	<b>Maths Challenge</b>	Year 7/8	F10	Mr Oliver
TUESDAY LUNCHTIME				
Sport	<b>Gymnastics</b>	All Years	East Gym	Miss Ringrose
	<b>Sports Leaders</b>	Year 9	B5	Mr Munton
Games & Pastimes	<b>Board Games, Lego &amp; Chess</b>	All Years	D1	Mrs Carter
PSHE	<b>LGBTQ+ Club</b>	All Years	G25	Mrs Shepherd
WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME				
Sport	<b>Year 10 Intervention</b>	Year 10	B5	Miss Donaldson / Mr Favell / Miss Ringrose
Games & Pastimes	<b>Board Games, Lego &amp; Chess</b>	All Years	D1	Mrs Carter
	<b>Book/Reading Club</b>	All Years	F6	Miss Allen
ICT	<b>KS4 Coding Club</b>	Year 10/11	B6	Mr Green
THURSDAY LUNCHTIME				
Sport	<b>Girls Cricket</b>	Year 7/8	East Gym	Mr Airey
	<b>Dance</b>	All Years	Sports Hall	Miss Ringrose
Drama	<b>School Musical (School of Rock)</b>	All Years	K Block	Miss Clarke
Games & Pastimes	<b>Board Games, Lego &amp; Chess</b>	All Years	D1	Mrs Carter
	<b>Puzzles &amp; Word Games</b>	All Years	F3	Mr Savara / Mr Huntsman
ICT	<b>Robotics Club</b>	Year 9/10	B7	Mr Green
Music	<b>Choir</b>	All Years	J2	Miss Armstrong
FRIDAY LUNCHTIME				
DofE	<b>The Duke of Edinburgh's Award</b>	Year 10/11	G22	Mr Abraham
Drama	<b>School Musical (School of Rock)</b>	All Years	K Block	Miss Clarke
Games & Pastimes	<b>Board Games, Lego &amp; Chess</b>	All Years	D1	Mrs Carter
	<b>Card/Board Games</b>	All Years	G23	Miss Whelbourn
Geography	<b>Eco Council</b>	All Years	E1	Mrs Collinson
Religious Studies	<b>Mindfulness Colouring</b>	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	<b>Golf</b>	All Years	Field	Mr Duggan
	<b>Rounders</b>	All Years	Field	Miss Donaldson / Miss Pearce / Miss Ringrose
Games & Pastimes	<b>Strategy Games Club</b>	All Years	C4	Mr Davison
ICT	<b>KS3 Computing Club</b>	Year 7/8	B6	Mr Green
Music	<b>School of Rock Pit Band Rehearsal</b>	All Years	J1	Mr Barrett / Miss Armstrong
Religious Studies	<b>Mindfulness Colouring</b>	All Years	C6	Mrs Watt
LRC	<b>Homework Club (3.15pm to 4pm)</b>	All Years	LRC	Mrs Plant
TUESDAY AFTER-SCHOOL				
Sport	<b>Boys Cricket</b>	All Years	Astro	Mr Duggan / Mr Airey
	<b>Gymnastics</b>	All Years	East Gym	Miss Ringrose
	<b>Sports Leaders</b>	Year 9	B5	Mr Favell / Mr Munton
Drama	<b>School of Rock Full Cast Rehearsal</b>	All Years	East Hall	Miss Clarke
LRC	<b>Homework Club (3.15pm to 4pm)</b>	All Years	LRC	Mrs Plant
WEDNESDAY AFTER-SCHOOL				
Sport	<b>Tennis</b>	All Years	Astro	Mr Munton / Miss Pearce
	<b>Year 10 Intervention</b>	Year 10	B5	Miss Donaldson / Mr Favell / Miss Ringrose
Business	<b>Wall Street Survivor</b>	All Years	B1	Mr Hayter
Music	<b>School of Rock Pit Band Rehearsal</b>	All Years	J1	Mr Barrett / Miss Armstrong
LRC	<b>Homework Club (3.15pm to 4pm)</b>	All Years	LRC	Mrs Plant
THURSDAY AFTER-SCHOOL				
Sport	<b>Athletics</b>	All Years	Field / East Gym	Mr Duggan / Mr Airey / Miss Donaldson / Mr Favell / Mr Munton / Miss Pearce
	<b>Dance</b>	All Years	Sports Hall	Miss Ringrose
Maths	<b>Maths More Able/Intervention</b>	Year 10	G22	Mr Abraham
Music	<b>Audio Club (Recording)</b>	All Years	Studio	Mr Barrett
Science	<b>Science Club</b>	Year 7/8	G17	Miss Davis
LRC	<b>Homework Club (3.15pm to 4pm)</b>	All Years	LRC	Mrs Plant
FRIDAY AFTER-SCHOOL				
LRC	<b>Homework Club (3.15pm to 4pm)</b>	All Years	LRC	Mrs Plant



# Year 11 Revision

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## Lunchtime revision sessions (Year 11)

MONDAY LUNCHTIME			
Art	Year 11 Intervention	D5 / D7	Subject Teachers
IT	Year 11 Intervention	B7	Subject Teachers
Maths	Year 11 Intervention (Foundation)	G22	Mr Abraham
TUESDAY LUNCHTIME			
Art	Year 11 Intervention	D5 / D6	Subject Teachers
Business	Year 11 Intervention	B3	Subject Teachers
English	Year 11 Intervention (English Language - Reading)	G5	Ms Alker
Health & Social Care	Year 11 Exam Intervention (Lower)	G11	Subject Teachers
Maths	Year 11 Intervention (Foundation)	F8	Mrs Goodge
Religious Studies	Year 11 Intervention	C7	Subject Teachers
WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME			
Art	Year 11 Intervention	D4 / D5	Subject Teachers
English	Year 11 Intervention (English Literature - Paper 1)	G10	Miss Chapman
English	Year 11 Intervention (English Literature - Paper 2)	F4	Miss Neal
Health & Social Care	Year 11 Exam Intervention (Higher)	G11	Subject Teachers
IT	Year 11 Intervention	B7	Subject Teachers
Maths	Year 11 Intervention (Foundation)	F9 F11 G23	Miss Goldspink Mrs Haymes Miss Whelbourn
Maths	Year 11 Intervention (Higher)	F15	Mrs Hemingway
THURSDAY LUNCHTIME			
Art	Year 11 Intervention	D4 / D5 / D6 / D7	Subject Teachers
English	Year 11 Intervention (English Language - Transactional Writing)	F5	Mrs Texiera
English	Year 11 Intervention (English Language - Creative Writing)	G8	Mrs Fitzgibbon
History	Year 11 Intervention	C3	Subject Teachers
IT	Year 11 Intervention	B6	Subject Teachers
Sport	Year 11 Intervention	B5	Subject Teachers
FRIDAY LUNCHTIME			
Art	Year 11 Intervention	D5 / D6	Subject Teachers
Business	Year 11 Intervention	B3	Subject Teachers
Geography	Year 11 Intervention	E2	Subject Teachers
IT	Year 11 Intervention	B7	Subject Teachers
Maths	Year 11 Intervention (Higher)	F10	Mr Oliver
Travel & Tourism	Year 11 Exam Practice	G18	Subject Teachers

## After school revision sessions (Year 11)

Unless otherwise arranged by the organiser, all after-school revision sessions will run for one hour.

MONDAY AFTER-SCHOOL			
Art	Year 11 Intervention	D5 / D7	Subject Teachers
Sport	Year 11 Intervention	B5	Subject Teachers
TUESDAY AFTER-SCHOOL			
Art	Year 11 Intervention	D6	Subject Teachers
Maths	Year 11 Intervention (Foundation)	G23	Miss Whelbourn
Music	Year 11 Intervention	J1	Subject Teachers
WEDNESDAY AFTER-SCHOOL			
Careers	Year 11 Careers Drop-in	Careers Office	Miss Grant
Art	Year 11 Intervention	D4 / D5 / D6	Subject Teachers
English	Year 11 Intervention (English Literature - 6+)	F6	Miss Allen
IT	Year 11 Intervention	B7	Subject Teachers
Maths	Year 11 Intervention (Foundation)	F15	Mrs Hemingway
Maths	Year 11 Intervention (Higher)	F13 F15	Mrs Kilby Mrs Hemingway
Religious Studies	Year 11 Intervention	C7	Subject Teachers
THURSDAY AFTER-SCHOOL			
Careers	Year 11 Careers Drop-in	Careers Office	Miss Grant
Art	Year 11 Intervention	D4 / D5 / D6 / D7	Subject Teachers
Business	Year 11 Intervention	B3	Subject Teachers
History	Year 11 Intervention	C1	Subject Teachers
IT	Year 11 Intervention	B6	Subject Teachers
Maths	Year 11 Intervention (Foundation)	F8	Mrs Goodge
Maths	Year 11 Intervention (Higher)	F15	Mrs Hemingway
Science	Year 11 Intervention	G14	Subject Teachers
FRIDAY AFTER-SCHOOL			
Art	Year 11 Intervention	D5 / D6	Subject Teachers
IT	Year 11 Intervention	B7	Subject Teachers
Maths	Year 11 Intervention (Foundation)	G19	Mr Bamber
Maths	Year 11 Intervention (Higher)	G22	Mr Abraham