



SPALDING  
ACADEMY

# Head of School

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2023

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

Our week at Spalding Academy has been very busy as usual. Students have been celebrating the upcoming King Charles III Coronation by studying the historical event during their SMSC lessons and tutor time. Coronations have taken place at the Westminster Abbey since 1066, the first known for sure to have taken place there being that of William the Conqueror. We have encouraged our students to watch this once in a life time event. Across the Trust, we have had our students in wearing their Cadets uniform to support the celebrations too.

We have had some great successes in sport recently.

Yesterday, Miss Pearce took eleven students from different years groups to the Princess Royal Sports Arena in Boston for the South Lincolnshire Schools Athletics Trials to compete in numerous events to try to qualify for the Lincolnshire Athletics Team. All of the students taken represented Spalding Academy brilliantly and tried their very best in every event they were entered into. We had some stand out performances from:

- **Hollie Philpott** Junior Girls 1st place in Javelin
- **Magdalena Pliszka** Junior Girls 1st place in 200m / 2nd place in 100m / 2nd place in Hurdles
- **Giani Lautaru** Inter Boys 3rd place in Shot Putt

Our Year 7 girls netball team have had an outstanding first season playing netball. They came 2nd in the league, beating every school and narrowly losing 3-1 to Bourne Grammar in the final. This term they played in their first ever SLAT netball tournament on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2023. In their first game they had a great start against Cowley Academy winning 4-0. They next went on to play against Bourne Academy (who they beat in the league) and they just lost by one point, losing 5-4. In the last game they went on to beat Giles Academy a whopping 9-0. The girls came 2nd in the SLAT tournament helping Spalding Academy come top overall in the SLAT Games. Miss Pearce who coached the girls said "The girl's commitment to training every week and their excitement to play and represent the school has been amazing. Some of these girls have never played netball before and they have progressed immensely. I am extremely proud of all of them."



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Mr Favell and Miss Pearce took two teams to the Lincolnshire 7's boys rugby tournament in Market Rasen at the start of this term. The boys have trained hard all year attending our rugby club after school every Tuesday. The younger boys team consisted of Year 8's with some Year 7's and this was the first ever season playing rugby for many of them. They managed to get through to the shield competition and out of 16 teams the boys came 6<sup>th</sup> place, which is an excellent achievement. The Year 9's team also had a lot of new players to the sport, they fought hard in every game playing against grammar schools who play rugby competitively weekly. Both PE teachers said "All boys were a credit to the school and represented the values of rugby well demonstrating respect and teamwork."



To support students, we believe it is important to listen to the views of all students as we value our students' voice at our school. This term, we have launched a new initiative called 'Students Say, We Listen' where students can complete a quick form via [www.spaldingacademy.org.uk/students-say-we-listen](http://www.spaldingacademy.org.uk/students-say-we-listen) to make comments and suggestions about the school. This is one of the many ways in which we enable students to play an active part in contributing to the school.

A reminder that Year 10 Parents/Carers will have received a link this week to book for the Online Parents Evening on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2023. This is a very important opportunity to meet remotely with your child's Year 10 tutor regarding their progress, attendance and behaviour in school. Please take the time to read the information in the letter we have sent which contains further details on how to sign up for the evening.

Finally, well done to Year 11 for their hard work as we are now approaching the final few days before the forthcoming examinations. We continue to encourage the students to maximise the time to revise, use all of the support that has been provided. Our May half term revision sessions will be shortly released for students to sign up online. In addition to the lunchtime and afterschool intervention we offer to our students, some of our Heads of Departments took the opportunity to deliver subject specific assemblies with revision tips and general guidance to help our students in their final stages of revision. I would like to say thank you to the Maths, Science and English departments who have delivered a brilliant set of assemblies this week.

Due to the extra Bank Holiday weekend, all students are back in school on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023. I hope everyone has a lovely extra bank holiday.

Your sincerely,



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