

Head of School

Friday 12th May 2023

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

We have had a busy week here at Spalding Academy. The students continue to amaze me with their uniform and behaviour standards around the school.

As our exam season officially starts on Monday 15th May 2023. We have asked our students to be cautious and quiet around the examination rooms, which will show great team spirit in supporting our Year 11 students. Our Year 11 attitude towards these examinations has been outstanding and we wish our Year 11 cohort the best of luck for these summer exams.

Our amazing careers team managed to get the incredibly busy NHS to visit our students on Tuesday. We welcomed Paediatric Nurses, Hayley and Emma, from the Pilgrim Hospital who delivered an informative assembly to Year 10, demonstrating the various pathways into a career in Nursing. They discussed the four core areas of Nursing; Adult, Children's, Mental Health and Learning Disabilities, and illustrated the qualifications required for the various pathways. Prior to the assembly, there was a workshop for Year 10 and Year 11 to allow them to find out more about Nursing. Students were allowed to perform hands-on activities such as taking blood pressure and vital statistics and giving CPR to a baby. They were taught what to do if a baby or child is choking and had the opportunity to look at and touch some other equipment such as the varying size of canular and oxygen masks. Thank you to our careers teams for seeking out this amazing opportunity and to the NHS Nurses for finding the time to come and visit our students.



To further enhance our PSHE provision, on Wednesday 10th May 2023, all our Year 9 students had an external speaker in to discuss Relationships and Sex Education. They all attended a one-hour assembly in the morning informing the students about consent and sexual harassment. This was then followed by a one-hour workshop which focused on contraception and consent. The students found the session very informative and useful.

A final reminder that Year 10 Parents/Carers will have received a link this week to book for the online Parents Evening on Thursday 18th 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, I would like to offer our support to the Spalding Flower Parade this weekend. Each year since the 1950's the Spalding Flower Parade was the annual highlight and it drew crowds from all over the UK and beyond. It was a celebration of the tulip industry and a chance for the local community to come together. Since 2013, the Flower Parade has not been held for various reasons. I am so excited to see the 2023 Flower Parade come through Spalding again. This is a huge achievement for the Town. I would like to thank all students, parents/carers and staff who have been involved in the fund raising and the main event! Best of luck to everyone!

I hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Your sincerely,



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